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The weather at major Swissair destinations

	12.25	MIN.	MAX.	
AMSTERDAM	-4	25	32	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	-5	18	24	Clear
BIRMINGHAM	-14	27	37	Clear
CHICAGO	-3	27	37	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	-6	21	28	Clear
FRANKFURT	-6	21	28	Clear
GENEVA	-3	27	32	Clear
HELSINKI	-8	16	23	Snow
ROME	-12	14	18	Clear
STOCKHOLM	-15	25	32	Cloudy
LYON	-10	20	28	Rain
MADRID	-6	23	30	Clear
MONTREAL	-8	18	25	Cloudy
NEW YORK	-2	28	32	Clear
PARIS	-8	18	25	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	-12	14	18	Clear
STOCKHOLM	-15	25	32	Cloudy
TORONTO	-8	18	25	Cloudy
VIENNA	-3	27	32	Clear
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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Clear with rise in temperature

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Humidity
Jerusalem	58	10-15	20
Golan	48	-	18
Nahariya	48	-	23
Safed	92	8-11	16
Haifa Port	-	-	-
Tiberias	71	14-19	24
Nazareth	85	14-16	24
Afula	72	14-21	24
Shomron	72	11-17	24
Tel Aviv	63	13-21	24
B-G Airport	62	11-21	24
Jericho	43	11-24	24
Gaza	58	16-22	24
Be'er Sheva	43	9-21	24
Eilat	28	11-24	28

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

At the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club, today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, Rotary scholarship students will report on their activities.

ARRIVALS

A South African Delegation, led by Chairman Solly Sachs, to participate in the 31st Zionist Congress: Mr. J. Weinstein, Mr. L. Caputo, Mr. R. Silbermann, Mr. Y. Blumenthal, Mr. H. Goldberger, Mr. S. Yellin, Mr. M. Lipson, Mr. J. Simon, Mr. B. Plasky, Rabbi A. Asahi, Prof. J. Ben Yosef, Mr. J. Pankin, Mr. J. Szwedlow, Mr. M. Ruscus, Mr. I. Schar, Mr. I. Sackheim, Mr. A. Sandak-Lewin, Mr. M. Manheim, Mrs. F. Weinstein, Mr. H.A. Rosenberg, Mr. J. Wolman, Mrs. L. Bloch, Mrs. V. Feldman, Mrs. S. Bernack, Mrs. Sandak-Lewin, Mr. R. Chweidan, Mrs. R. Rapoport.

Cigarette interests charged with 'terror'

By JUDY SIEGEL

Post Service and Health Reporter
MK Ora Namir, chairman of the Knesset Labour and Social Affairs Committee, yesterday accused the "cigarette interests" in the country of "terrorizing" her in an effort to head off regulations that would prohibit smoking in additional public areas and in all workplaces.

Namir turned down a request by Dabek and other cigarette companies that their lawyers be permitted to appear before the committee during its discussion yesterday of the proposed regulations.

The Philip Morris company from the U.S. and Israeli tobacco growers had even asked to attend the session, but Namir refused, saying their participation was not relevant to a discussion on the dangers of smoking. The chairman said that some tobacco companies had demanded that she "answer them within one hour."

The two-hour discussion was "more encouraging" to the anti-cigarette lobby — comprising Health Ministry officials, doctors and heads of the Society for the Prevention of Smoking — than the last committee session on the subject 10 months ago. Namir had made no commitment last time, but yesterday she said that regulations would "certainly be approved" by the committee, especially regarding restrictions on Israel Railways, banks, supermarkets and other public places. As to the ministry request that smoking in the workplace be restricted to certain small closed spaces, Namir asked for a softening of the proposal. She did not favour the section that would allow an employee to refuse to work in the smoking section of a workplace.

3 die in Gaza crash

GAZA (Itim). — Three people were killed and seven injured, some critically, when a semi-trailer swerved across a line of oncoming traffic to enter a petrol station at the Erez checkpoint and collided with two vans taking workers back to the Gaza Strip from Israel.

The casualties were all passengers in the vans.

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HOME NEWS

UN chief warns U.S. against closing PLO observer mission

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar has written U.S. Ambassador Vernon Walters to warn against pending legislation in Congress which would mandate the closure of the PLO's Observer Mission at the world body.

The secretary-general insisted that any such action would violate America's international treaty obligations under the UN Headquarters Agreement signed in 1947. He asked Walters to confirm that "present arrangements will remain in force."

Arab and other delegations at the UN also have warned Washington that they would firmly oppose shutting down the

PLO's New York operation. They have threatened to bring the issue before the World Court at The Hague.

They were reacting to what they saw as alarming developments in Washington in recent days which they attributed to behind-the-scenes pressure from the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee, the official pro-Israeli lobbying organization.

A joint House-Senate conference committee last week passed legislation to close the PLO's office in New York — over the objection of the State Department — as the PLO Washington office was being shut down.

The State Department, which had agreed to shut down the Washington operation under strong pressure from Israel's supporters in Congress, has warned that any closure of the New York office would violate

U.S. treaty obligations under the Headquarters Agreement. The PLO has observer status at the world body.

But legislators, describing the PLO as a terrorist organization which represents a clear threat to American citizens, rejected the State Department's warnings. They cited a "reservation clause" in the Headquarters Agreement to back up their case that any decision to close the PLO's UN mission was indeed legal.

That reservation clause says: "Nothing in the agreement shall be construed as in any way diminishing, abridging or weakening the right of the United States to safeguard its own security and completely to control the entrance of aliens."

But another section of the agreement says that the U.S. may not "impose any impediments to transit to or from the headquarters of 'persons invited to the headquarters district by the United Nations.'"

After defeating by an 11 to 8 roll call an effort by Democratic Representative Barney Frank of Massachusetts to soften the anti-PLO legislation, the House-Senate conferees approved the proposed strongly worded amendment mandating the closure of the PLO's offices in both Washington and New York. It passed by a voice vote.

Because it is part of a much broader package of State Department authorization legislation, President Reagan is eventually expected to sign the measure into law.

But some State Department officials have now suggested that even if that becomes the case, the U.S. might still not necessarily have to force the PLO's mission at the UN

to close its doors. They said that the U.S. is never obligated to "enact any domestic American law which is in violation of international law — an interpretation strongly rejected by Congressional sponsors of the legislation."

Last week, a federal district court ruled that the State Department was legally authorized to declare the PLO's Washington office a "foreign mission" and thereby close it. The PLO, backed by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and other groups, has promised to appeal that ruling to a higher court. They cited freedom of speech.

For a decade, the PLO's Washington office had been staffed by American citizens and resident aliens. But as of now, it has been closed.

Probe ordered on missing UN files

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter). — Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar ordered an investigation yesterday into reports that more than 400 files were missing from recently-opened UN War Crimes Commission (UNWCC) archives.

A U.S. newspaper quoted Israel's ambassador to the UN as saying the missing files could mean information on "the greatest criminals in history" might have been destroyed.

"The secretary-general was surprised and disturbed to learn, through press reports and for the first time, that a number of files of the UNWCC are missing," Perez de Cuellar said in a statement. "This was not known in the UN secretariat, outside of the archives section," Perez de Cuellar added.

He said an investigation by an assistant secretary-general would

seek to determine if the files "were separated from the archives while they were in UN custody, or whether they were ever received by the UN when it was first given custody of the archives."

The archives, containing the names of nearly 40,000 alleged war criminals, suspects and witnesses, were deposited with the UN when the UNWCC, set up in London in 1943, concluded its work in 1948.

Chief archivist Alf Erlendsson, a Swede, said that approximately 400 files were missing when the ageing documents were microfilmed last year. He said the files originated with a number of different countries who submitted evidence to the commission, and that there might be copies in their national archives.

The archives had lain almost unnoticed for nearly four decades,

when only governments were allowed access to them.

Renewed interest was sparked last year when the files were found to include one on former secretary general Kurt Waldheim, relating to his wartime service as a German army officer in the Balkans.

His autobiography had given the impression his military service ended earlier, after he was wounded in Russia in 1941.

Waldheim, who was elected president of Austria in June 1986, has denied any involvement in war crimes.

After a year-long campaign by Israel to open up the files, and consultations with representatives of the 17 countries on the now defunct war crimes commission, Perez de Cuellar last month ordered the archives opened to *bona fide* researchers.

Negotiations get under way for wall-to-wall WZO coalition

By CHARLES HOFFMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Negotiations began yesterday to form a wall-to-wall coalition in the World Zionist Organization Executive, with the two main parties jockeying for a favourable opening position.

The Likud wants Labour's agreement that the Likud will get the treasury portfolio before other positions are discussed. But Labour wants to negotiate for all portfolios at once, which would enhance its bargaining power.

The Likud candidate for treasurer, Settlement Department head Matityahu Drobles, said that if he is rejected for the post by the Diaspora funders, "I have other ways of serving my movement. We agreed to have 'advise and consent' procedures for Jewish Agency posts, and we will have to live with this."

In his first major speech to the

congress, newly elected chairman Simcha Dinitz said that the WZO needs to develop "fresh approaches and to make its apparatus more efficient." He said that he would soon submit detailed proposals for achieving greater efficiency, reducing duplication and red tape and strengthening the central executive authority, all of which would promote "depoliticization" of the WZO/Agency administration.

He said that the Zionist movement was the "most successful revolutionary movement of the 20th century. But a revolutionary movement that adheres to its original goals even after they have been achieved eventually ceases to be both revolutionary and a movement."

The leader of the Druse Zionist Circle, Yusef e-Din, drew applause by calling on all Jews to make aliya to Israel in order "to realize the Zionist vision."

Visit may lead to armament sales to Norway

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

TEL AVIV. — Norwegian Defence Minister Johan Joergen Holst began a four-day official visit last night which may lead to Israeli arms exports but is unlikely to result in the purchase of Norwegian-made armaments.

Speaking to reporters at Ben-Gurion Airport, Holst said that some Israeli equipment may benefit his country. Norway's strategic position is similar to Israel's in some respects, he said, because both are "in a very exposed position." Both small countries require "ingenuity" to solve their defence problems, he added, because they cannot always adopt solutions suitable for the great powers.

Holst declined to specify the Israeli items which may be useful in Scandinavia, but Norway's deputy chief of staff, Lieut.-Gen. Alf Granviksen, who arrived with him, talked of electronic warfare and command-and-control and anti-missile systems. He mentioned Israel's pilotless planes and equipment attached to the Hawk ground-to-air missile batteries which provide pictures of aircraft while they are still miles away.

Holst indicated Norway was unlikely to export arms to Israel, since Norway's policy of neutrality prohibits arms sales to countries at war. In Israel's case Oslo must be doubly careful because it contributes troops to Unifil, he added.

Holst avoided saying whether he would raise the heavy water issue in his forthcoming talks with Prime Minister Shamir, Foreign Minister Peres, and Defence Minister Rabin, his host.

In the wake of the Vanunu affair and questions in parliament, the Norwegian government has sought to obtain information from Israel about its use of Norwegian heavy water shipments, which were sent on condition that they be used only "for peaceful purposes." To date, Israel has not supplied Oslo with satisfactory answers, according to the Norwegians.

An Israeli Foreign Ministry delegation, headed by an assistant director general, will fly to Oslo next week to continue discussions with the Norwegian authorities about Israel's use of the heavy water.

Demjanjuk lawyer complains about newspaperman

By ERNIE MEYER

Demjanjuk defence lawyer Yoram Sheftel yesterday lodged a complaint with the police against a Yediot Aharanot reporter and the paper's editor, alleging that the reporter's daily articles were libellous, discussed matters that were *sub judice*, and were designed to deny the accused a fair trial.

According to sources in Sheftel's office, the complaint charges that Noah Klieger's articles portrayed defence witnesses in a negative light and cast doubt on their credibility. The articles were tendentious, intimated that a guilty verdict was a foregone conclusion, and defamed Sheftel, the complaint maintained.

Klieger's articles usually focused on one or two aspects of the previous day's court session.

Sheftel has also complained to the ethics committee of the National Journalists' Association. In the complaint he questioned Klieger's professional qualifications and charged him with conducting a personal vendetta.

Klieger is a veteran reporter, and as a teenager spent two years in Auschwitz.



Shlomo Sakal is buried at the Holon cemetery yesterday. His wife, Malka, and daughter, Yelida, are seen on the left of the photograph. (Daniel Matia)

Gaza curfew lifted; Bat Yam stabbing victim buried

By BRADLEY BURSTON

GAZA. — The IDF curfew on Gaza's central business district, imposed immediately after the Sunday slaying of Israeli salesman Shlomo Sakal, was lifted early yesterday.

With the lifting of the curfew, vehicles and pedestrians flooded into the Palestine Square, deserted for nearly two days while security forces

searched the shops and market stalls bordering it.

By morning, only a handful of the scores of suspects arrested on Sunday remained in custody. Security sources said that additional arrests are anticipated.

Sakal was buried yesterday at the Holon Cemetery. His funeral had been delayed to allow his two brothers

residing abroad to attend the service.

Sakal, 45, of Bat Yam, was stabbed in the back of the neck as he delivered merchandise to a Palestine Square shopkeeper. Though the shopkeeper and passersby rushed him to nearby Ma'abdan Hospital, Sakal died on the operating table.

Despite denial, Miari said to have visited Egypt

By ELAINE RUTH FLETCHER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Breaking a longstanding boycott, Progressive List for Peace MK Mohammed Miari reportedly visited Egypt recently and met with top Egyptian officials, including presidential adviser Osama el-Baz.

Miari yesterday denied that he made the trip — even after a PLP spokesman, Adam Keller, con-

firmed the report. A leading Israeli journalist also told *The Jerusalem Post* he had seen Miari in Cairo. Other sources said Miari returned from Egypt on Friday.

"It's not true," Miari said yesterday. "I have no reason to go to Egypt. I didn't go there to visit. I don't go there to tour."

Acknowledgement that Miari visited Egypt could prove embarrassing

to the PLP since both the PLP and Rakah have refused to visit Cairo out of opposition to the Camp David accords and solidarity with the Palestinian cause.

But the formal opening of a PLO office in Cairo, and the accompanying thaw in PLO-Egyptian relations, may have encouraged warmer relations between the left-wing parties here and Cairo.

Jenin prisoner charges brutality by interrogators

By JOEL GREENBERG

A Palestinian security prisoner in the Jenin jail has charged that he was almost suffocated by Shin Bet interrogators who warned him they had already killed another inmate, Awad Hamdan.

The charges appear in an affidavit sent with a complaint to Defence Minister Rabin and the IDF judge-advocate general in the West Bank by the prisoner's attorney, Felicia Langer. Hamdan's case, first raised by Langer, is currently under investigation following an order by the attorney-general.

The prisoner, Walid Abdel Aziz Jarar, was arrested on October 21 and accused of membership in Fatah while living in Germany in 1981. He confessed under interrogation.

He charges in the affidavit that four Shin Bet men forced him to lie on a table with his hands bound, covered his head with a sack and blocked his mouth and nose until he felt he was about to suffocate. He said he was beaten on the genitals

while being held by the hands and legs, and later kept in a coffin-like box with a sack over his head, where he had difficulty breathing.

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EXEMPTIONS

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Religious Party) and Rabbi Rafael Pinhasi (Shas). Geula Cohen cannot serve on the sub-committee since she is not a member of the full committee, but her erstwhile Tehiya colleague Rafael Eitan, now the Tzomet faction member, attended some sessions unofficially. As a former chief of general staff, his views carry weight.

Those yeshiva students whose health grade qualifies them for army service but who seek exemption must submit a document signed by their yeshiva head attesting to their status as students, and another document from the Vaad Hayeshivot, the central body of all the yeshivot in Israel, which is recognised by the army authorities for purposes of exemption.

With these, the recruiting office gives the student a service registration card containing a deferment approval. Each year until the terminal age for reserve service, he must return with the same documents to get another deferment.

Year by year, as the total number of exemption-deferments grows by around 1,000, a mere 300-400 students are shifted out of this huge pool to do their full three years' conscription, if they are young enough, or a shortened period of a few months' conscription, or some form of annual reserve duty (*milham*).

The sub-committee found that it is simply untrue, as Aguda and Shas politicians claim, that most yeshiva students are exempt for a few years and eventually serve in the IDF like everyone else. Most remain deferred till they become exempt because of age.

(This is the first of two articles.)

IDF SOLDIER DIES

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surgery. He was said to be moderately injured.

It was the first serious incident involving the IDF in the north since the hang-glider attack on a Nahal base near Kiryat Shmona two weeks ago in which six soldiers were killed and seven wounded.

Tandlet's death brings to 22 the number of IDF troops killed inside the security zone or near the border since the army's pullout from Lebanon in 1985.

More than 100 soldiers were injured during this period and two are missing, believed kidnapped by the radical Hizbullah group. One more

soldier is being held by the State's Amal militia.

Earlier yesterday morning, at around 6 a.m., in roughly the same area as the mine blast, gunmen attacked a South Lebanese Army stronghold with a barrage of light arms fire, rocket-propelled grenades and a LAW missile.

According to SLA sources, the attackers attempted to storm the position under cover of a blanket of fog but were repulsed by the SLA.

The gunmen, believed to have been members of Hizbullah, fled under heavy fire. There were no casualties among the SLA troops manning the stronghold.

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Debby Kreitzman
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The funeral took place on Tuesday, December 8.
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Kabul regime could be big issue at summit

The troubled life of Moscow's man in Afghanistan

By ARTHUR KENT

KABUL — It is no easy task, being the Kremlin's man in

Kabul. Besieged by the Mujahideen, and bedeviled by in-

fighting among his Communist cadres, the Afghan lead-

er, Dr. Najibullah, could be forgiven for hoping for a

change of luck, particularly since his regime stands to be

a principal point of contention at this week's superpower

summit. It was not to be. Things started to go wrong when a

younger brother, Siddiq, vice-president of the National

Kabul Bank, defected to the guerrillas. Siddiq will have

much to tell the resistance about Soviet management of

the regime's finances. Then the real fireworks began. As Najibullah

convened the Loya Jirga, or Grand Assembly, last week,

which would install him as President, resistance rockets

rained down within a mile of his Red Army security

cordon, punctuating his opening address with a thunder-

ous series of explosions. The shooting started when a tribal chieftain, General

Isamat Muslim, tried to force his way through a road-

block near the assembly hall. When it was over, at least

10 of his own gunmen and two government soldiers lay

dead. Described by one diplomat as a 'magnet for trouble,'

Isamat is a former Mujahideen commander who switched

loyalties to the Soviet-backed Kabul regime in 1985 after

falling out with the resistance leadership in Pakistan.

'Muslim' is in fact a nickname: the self-styled general is a

notorious lover of alcohol, and in the eyes of the Islamic

resistance, his exploits have all too often strayed from

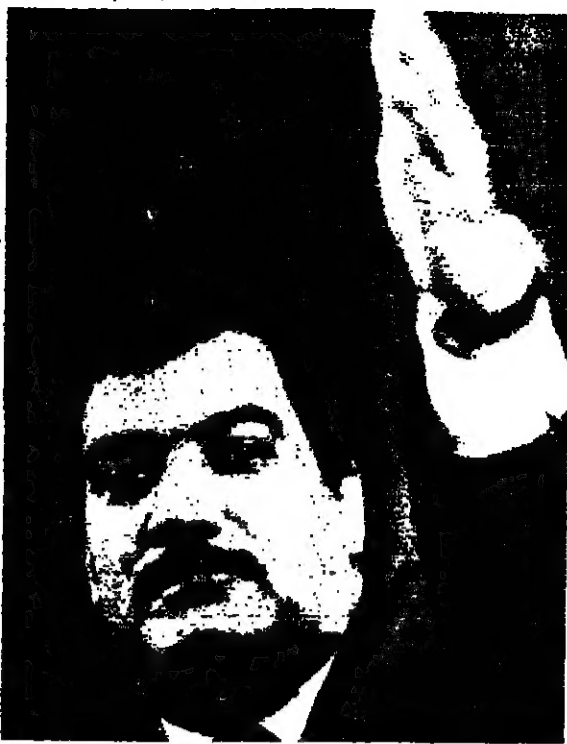
war-mongering to whoring. But far more significant is the effect this series

of misadventures will have on the Washington summit.

The good doctor's predicament does nothing to

strengthen Moscow's hand. "Gorbachev has been big on hints and teases," says

one Western diplomat close to the conflict, "but there's



Najibullah, "a magnet for trouble." (AFP)

and-destroy mission into the razing of suspect villages by

long-range artillery and aerial bombardment. More than 250

civilians are feared dead, and 200 families have fled to the overcrowded refugee camps of

Pakistan. They join what United Nations statistics con-

firmed last week to be the largest exodus of refugees

from war since 1945. "Ever since Gorbachev came to power they've been

talking about withdrawal," said Professor Sibgatullah

Mojeeddi, leader of the most moderate of the Mujahi-

deen groups, the ANLF. "But we haven't seen the

Russians take a single step back from our country." Mojeeddi

said in London last week that the Kremlin's stubborn refusal

to negotiate directly or indirectly with the Mujahideen

means that the war will go on. The guerrillas are waiting

and watching. Boosted by their acquisition of sophisticated

anti-aircraft missiles and the capture of several Soviet

garrisons, the Mujahideen are ready for a ninth year of

war with the Red Army, confident at last that which eludes Najibullah,

the hapless captive king of Kabul: a change in the

fortunes of war. (London Observer Service)

Search off west coast after U.S. airline crash

LOS ANGELES (AP). — The pilot of a commuter jet radioed that there was gunfire aboard and smoke in the cockpit shortly before it crashed and exploded on Monday, killing all 43

passengers and crew, officials and witnesses said.

Emergency workers searched the area into the early morning hours yesterday. However, "there's nothing that you would consider identifiable as a human being," said Sgt. Greg Slane of the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department.

A disgruntled employee on a murder-suicide mission may have caused the crash of the aircraft, ABC News said last night. The report said authorities had found a suicide note left by a disgruntled employee of U.S. Air, another airline, who said he was boarding the aircraft with a gun to kill a supervisor who was travelling on the plane.

The FBI had no official comment on the report but a senior agent, Richard Bretzing, told reporters at the crash site: "It appears at this point — this has yet to be substantiated — that it was a criminal act on board that caused the plane to crash."

"We knew there would be no survivors as soon as we got there..." said Grant Leger, 29, a witness to the crash. "It was like a bomb blew up. I just kept saying, 'Oh, my God.'"

Pacific Southwest Airlines flight 1771 was en route from Los Angeles International to San Francisco when it went down at 4:14 p.m. Monday near Cayucos, 280 kms. northwest of Los Angeles, the Federal Aviation administration said.

Gibraltar's leader quitting -- 'to lead an ordinary life'

GIBRALTAR. — Chief Minister Joshua Hassan said yesterday he would step down after leading the British rock colony for most of the past 40 years.

Hassan, 72, told reporters he would officially inform his cabinet today that he was quitting "in order to carry out an ordinary life, take holidays and be with my family."

His 46-year-old deputy Adolfo Canepa, the minister for trade, economic development and planning, was expected to take over.

Political sources said Hassan wanted to become a backbencher and leave his deputy to lead a campaign against last week's agreement by Britain to give Spain a hand in the use and running of the colony's airport.

"I will announce tomorrow I am not going to stand again," Hassan told reporters.

Canepa and opposition leader Joe Bossano oppose the agreement which many of Gibraltar's 30,000 people see as giving Spain a foothold on the strategic rock and endangering their wish to remain British.

Canepa, a teacher who was first elected to the colony's assembly 15 years ago, declined to comment on Hassan's resignation. He would only say he admired Hassan's wisdom, particularly in recent years.

Hassan was the colony's first elected chief minister and has served in that post since 1972.

An election to choose Hassan's successor has to be called by next February.

Hassan, whose Association for the Advancement of Civil Rights (AACR) Party holds eight of the 15 seats in the Gibraltar house of assembly, adamantly opposed any



Joshua Hassan...15 years as Chief Minister. (Universal Pictorial Press)

British concession to the Spanish on the airport issue.

Spain claims sovereignty over the 5.8 square kilometre limestone rock at Spain's southern tip which it ceded to Britain in the 1713 Treaty of Utrecht after the war of succession.

The accord between Britain and Spain on use of the airport permitted the passage Monday in Brussels of an important European economic community air traffic liberalization package that is expected to lead to much lower air fares from air lines of EC member nations. (Reuter. AP)

Six more die in SA inter-black violence

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter). — A rampaging gang stabbed six people to death and attacked homes near Pietermaritzburg in one of the worst eruptions of black-against-black violence in South Africa this year, police reported yesterday.

The victims included a 67-year-old man who was stabbed 129 times, police said.

More than 150 people have died in black townships around Pietermaritzburg, capital of the Indian Ocean province of Natal, in a feud between the Zulu Inkatha Movement and the more radical United Democratic Front (UDF).

Police said the Deda residential area near the city was invaded on Monday by a large group of blacks taken there in buses.

They split up into smaller groups and then attacked residents and property," a police statement said. "The six men killed were aged between 40 and 67 and all had been stabbed repeatedly."

Police did not say if the killers were Inkatha or UDF supporters. Pietermaritzburg mayor Mark Cornell has said the fighting between the two sides is out of control.

Talks resume today in efforts to settle the conflict. Inkatha, which draws support from six million Zulus, is headed by

tribal chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi. He has charged that the outlawed African National Congress guerrilla movement is using the UDF in the fighting.

Inkatha, although opposed to South Africa's apartheid race segregation system, takes a more conciliatory stand towards the country's white rulers than the UDF.

UDF officials say Inkatha is trying to drive them out of the black townships and suggest white authorities side with Buthelezi's supporters.

Police yesterday reported a spate of other incidents around Pietermaritzburg, which has become South Africa's worst trouble spot.

France expels Khomeini opponents in alleged deal

AUVERS-SUR-OISE, France (Reuter). — France last night expelled 17 opponents of the Iranian government to Africa, provoking accusations that it was capitulating to Tehran to buy back French hostages held in Lebanon.

The Interior Ministry said in a statement that 14 Iranians and three Turks had been put aboard a flight for Gabon because they were a serious threat to public order.

Socialist opposition leaders and Iranian dissidents claimed the expulsions were the latest in a series of deals between Paris and Tehran to win the release of French hostages held by pro-Iranian gunmen in Lebanon.

The 22 Iranians, most of them granted political asylum in France, were members or sympathizers of the people's Mujahedin organization, a guerrilla group fighting Tehran. The group has its French office in this small village north of Paris.

'Frustrated robber' kills 12 in Melbourne

MELBOURNE (Reuter). — A dozen people were believed killed in a shooting spree at a high-rise Melbourne office block yesterday which ended when the gunman fell to his death, police said.

"We can't tell you exactly how many are dead, we're still finding them," one police officer said.

At least seven were known dead, including the gunman, in the incident, which may have begun as a failed armed robbery, police said.

Four bodies were found when police opened an elevator and others were scattered through the offices of a loan society for employees of Australia's Telecommunications Authority, police said.

Police sealed off the block in Melbourne's Queen Street, on the edge of the city's financial and legal district, shortly after 4 p.m. when shots were fired into the street from an upper floor of the 19-storey building.

About an hour later a man, whom police said they believed was the gunman, smashed an upper storey window and attempted to climb out onto a narrow ledge. Witnesses said office workers attempted to stop the gunman as he tried to climb out.

Inger Kirkland, a 35-year-old clerical worker, said before the gunman fell from the window people were holding onto his legs, but he struggled free and plummeted to the footpath in Queen Street.

Nearby, a fleet of ambulances crowded the street waiting to ferry the victims to city hospitals.

Tunisia Old Guard sacked

TUNIS (Reuter). — Tunisian President Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali purged the ruling Destourian Socialist Party (PSD) leadership yesterday, sacking from the political bureau all but three who served under deposed head of state Habib Bourguiba.

The three who remain are Prime Minister Hedi Baccouche, the party's secretary-general, Hamed Karoui, its director, and Defence Minister Salaheddine Baly, PSD treasurer, the official news agency Tap said.

Those fired from the new political bureau — which is cut from 20 to 12 members — include Bourguiba's son, former foreign minister Habib Bourguiba Junior.

Three ex-cabinet ministers close to his 84-year-old father, who was deposed on November 7 after being declared senile, were sacked from the bureau nearly three weeks ago. They have been under house arrest since the takeover.

Tap said Ben Ali remains PSD president, despite calls from opposition parties for the head of state to relinquish any party post.

Hussein ends talks in Saudi

AMMAN (AFP). — King Hussein returned home yesterday afternoon after a 24-hour visit to Saudi Arabia where he briefed King Fahd on last month's Arab summit in Amman, informed sources said.

King Hussein also informed King Fahd of the latest Jordanian efforts to mediate between Iraq and Syria as well as on his recent visits to Baghdad and Damascus. Iraq and Syria, headed by rival wings of the Ba'ath Party, have been at odds over Syrian support for Iran in the Gulf war.

The Jordanian monarch's visit to the Saudi kingdom was the first since the November Arab summit in Amman. King Fahd did not attend the conference but was represented by his half-brother and Crown Prince Abdullah Ibn Abd al-Aziz.

King Hussein was accompanied to Riyadh by his prime minister, Zeid al-Rifai.

No pardon for Red Square pilot

MOSCOW (Reuter). — An appeal for a pardon by Mathias Rust, the teenage West German pilot who landed next to the Kremlin last May, has been turned down, Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Yuri Gremitsikh said yesterday.

His request was reviewed. The answer was negative. Rust, 19, had appealed for pardon to the president of the Supreme Soviet, the highest state body, after

being sentenced in September to four years in a labour camp for hoodlaming and violating flight and border laws.

Gremitsikh said his request was turned down because he had not completed half his sentence and there were no extraordinary circumstances in his case. Soviet law allows for a pardon if a person has served half his sentence or in the case of mitigating circumstances.

Jane's speculates on arms balance when the missiles go

New Soviet tanks poses threat to Nato

LONDON (Reuter). — An advanced Soviet tank poses a new threat to Nato, particularly after the planned removal from Europe of U.S. intermediate-range nuclear weapons, the latest edition of Jane's Armour and Artillery said yesterday.

In a foreword to the 1987-88 edition, editor Christopher Foss said a battalion of the yet unnamed tank, successor to the T-80, was already in service. He said it was believed to be armed with a 135 mm gun and fitted with an improved version of the T-80's armour, making it almost invulnerable to Nato tanks mounted with the usual 105 mm gun.

"If this is correct, urgent action must be taken by Nato to correct the situation, especially in the light of the intention to withdraw a number of U.S. nuclear weapons from Europe," Foss said.

He was referring to the superpower agreement, signed at the Washington summit, to remove more than 1,000 intermediate-range weapons, including U.S. Pershing and cruise missiles, deployed in Europe.

In terms of the armaments business, 1987 was a bleak year in the West, Foss wrote. "Very few orders have been placed and some facilities are virtually at a standstill," he said. Sales were affected by prospective buyers requesting increasingly extensive trials, he said, citing an instance in Saudi Arabia last summer

which cost each of six competing tank manufacturers about \$1.8 million.

According to Jane's, expectations for a huge Chinese market have not been fulfilled as Peking had so far only ordered small quantities of ground systems.

"In some cases, China has produced almost identical versions of the Western equipment in the space of just a few years which are then sold on the world market at a fraction of the cost of comparable Western systems," Foss said.

He said that growing pressure on government research and development budgets would lead to even more private venture projects in the production of tanks, armoured vehicles and artillery systems.



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HOME NEWS

Spreading the radical message — aliya

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Michelle Morris is a Zionist. But this is true of all the hundreds of delegates and observers from abroad attending the Zionist Congress this week in Jerusalem. In her case, however, there is a crucial difference: she is making aliya.

"Zionists Make Aliya!" is the slogan of Telem, the Movement for Zionist Fulfillment. Morris, 24, directs the Telem office in Los Angeles, and plans to move to Israel next year.

Telem, now a nation-wide movement in the U.S., was founded in 1979 by Jewish Agency Youth Aliya head Uri Gordon, then a shaliach (emissary) in Los Angeles. It attracted young people who took their Zionism seriously, as a personal commitment to make aliya (hagshama), and who sought a framework in which to propagate their ideas that was not an extension of an Israeli political party.

"The members of the Zionist federation in L.A. are wonderful people and love Israel," stresses Morris. "but they aren't real Zionists. They have been going to meetings for 50 years and have attended many conferences in Israel, but they always come back to L.A."

"They support us, and we need them in our work there, but Israel needs them more."

Telem is now part of the Federation of Magshimim Movements, which unites Zionist youth groups, immigrant associations and aliya



Michelle Morris (Scoop 80)

groups not affiliated to Zionist organizations.

The magshimim have had a tough time getting a hearing at the congress this week. While they were demonstrating at the opening of the congress, it began to rain and the debate in the plenum devoted to hagshama was drowned out by the frenzied politicking preceding the vote to elect the World Zionist Organization chairman.

This morning at the Sonesta Hotel, Telem is holding an "off-the-record" Zionist Congress, in the hope that this will get its message across.

Morris's home town of Upland, a small town east of Los Angeles, at first glance appears to be an unlikely breeding ground for a militant Zionist. "There were hardly any Jews in town or in my school. So I became the 'school Jew.' I was always defending Israel and Judaism to everyone."

"It wasn't until I finished college that I came here, though, for a year on the WJUS programme in Aard. That's when I realized that visiting Israel wasn't just a matter of enjoying the beaches or seeing the sights. I began to feel that the future of the Jewish people is here, in Israel."

How does she attempt to get Telem's message through to the Jewish establishment in L.A.? "We have to be sophisticated. We can't appear as screaming kids in T-shirts and torn jeans. We have a radical message to spread, but that doesn't mean alienating the people we are trying to reach."

The Truth Must Be Told

It is time to take the gloves off. Mizrahi came to this Zionist Congress with assurances by the major parties to award it six delegates in partial compensation for the injustice of voiding 13 mandates and 20,000 votes by a ruling of the Area Elections Committee later upheld by the Zionist Tribunal. Labour failed to honour its commitment. Judges, legal scholars, and expert auditors are astonished and amazed at the process and decision.

The entire unbelievable episode would have been avoided by a modicum of goodwill or even a simple telephone call. Area Election Committee minutes record specific promises to consult and work out differences. In Mizrahi's case, there were no consultations or discussions.

The most galling and odious part of the process was the reassignment of Mizrahi's votes to parties holding diametrically opposed views. This double penalty is a distortion of any democratic process and even contrary to the committee's own rules. (Minutes 5/26/87). Raymond Patt, committee chairman, admits adding these delegates to other parties (page 46, court record of Patt's testimony). Patt also confirms that there was no meeting ever held to reduce the total number of voters from 210,000 to 190,000, as a result of the elimination of Mizrahi voters, because this would have exposed the American Zionist Federation's decline and weakness (ibid pg. 4).

The Tribunal's main point is that Mizrahi should have appealed the process before the elections were held. We could not have been aware of this distortion until the results were publicized. We therefore remain mystified by the decision that we should have foreseen the result in advance. Mizrahi had more than adequate reasons to believe that it had passed the audit and there was no need to protest.

Mizrahi, however, did protest to no avail. Three other lists included names of Orthodox rabbis who specifically wrote asking that their names, included without their consent, be removed. Such misuse of names is fraudulent. Mizrahi also protested in writing. There was not even the courtesy of a response. Further protests were futile and useless.

Mizrahi had partners to the suit, individual voters. We produced affidavits from those enrolled in other movements that they voted for Mizrahi because of the religious pluralism issue. In fact, the regulations were not finalized until ten days after the ballots were mailed out, and after more than 100,000 sealed envelopes had been returned (ibid pg. 26-27). The court did not rule on the substantive issues.

The Religious Zionists decided not to appeal when six people saw an AZF employee remove a paper from the file and discard it. This document, which contained the original report by the auditing company, differs substantively from one submitted and voted upon by the committee. The chairman admitted making the changes.

The judges accepted this as fact. This is ipso facto admission of guilt and invalidated the entire verification process. Several members of the Area Elections Committee stated that they would have reconsidered their vote had they known that fact. The AZF executive director confirmed the participation of the staff and chairman in altering the report.

The judges asserted that there were no important differences between the reports. We leave it to the court of public opinion to judge. The following crucial statement was contained in the first report and eliminated in the second: "We were allowed to inspect the Religious Zionists of America's bank statements and manual cash ledger for membership dues for the period of January 1985 through January 1986. Both the bank statements and ledger entries reflected periodic monthly receipts of membership dues and deposits of same into Religious Zionists of America's bank account. The sum of receipts and bank deposits total approximately \$5 for each \$18 membership collected. It would appear that the \$850,000 figure accurately reflects the organization's contentions that it has approximately 170,000 members." The auditor, Mr. James Bell, stated Mizrahi had qualified. "In auditing terms, they passed the audit." (Testimony of James Bell, pg. 59.)

The second document contains serious errors. It was written by someone who never inspected our records, visited our office, or even spoke to us by phone. It makes much of the fact "that we could not link specific dues payments to membership financial records." But neither could they do so with any other organization. Both Bell (testimony pg. 59) and Jeffrey Malek, the Equifax official, confirm this (pg. 70).

Bell further testified that he used the same standard in auditing the ARZA and Herut lists. What was good for the goose should have been good for the gander! Either Bell was a credible witness or he wasn't. If his audit of ARZA and Herut was acceptable, then Mizrahi's should have also been. If his audit of Mizrahi was improper, then so were the others.

But it was Malek's own testimony that should have totally disqualified the verification process "and Equifax as an independent auditor." He volunteered: "May I make a point? Prior to accepting any record, we asked permission through AZF. Most instances, in fact, in all instances, they had the final say. If it was acceptable, we would accept it. If we felt that it was not acceptable as a financial record in their eyes, we did not accept it. So they always referred back to them. Question: I understand. So Equifax was not the person who determined whether financial records substantiated a membership claim or not. It was the ABC staff. Answer: That's correct." (cf. Malek testimony.) Observers were also incredulous at his admission that "he winged it" or "played it by ear" in establishing standards for each organization.

The court records and tapes of the Tribunal's hearings are available at Mizrahi's office for the unrestricted use of those interested in learning the truth and making their own independent judgements. A detailed white paper is being completed and will be widely circulated. Questions are welcome and will be answered in detail.

In retrospect, it seems that the cabal to deprive Mizrahi of its legitimate votes so that the coalition of Labour, Confederation, Reform and Conservatives could totally dominate the Zionist scene and tragically split it even more, has realized its immediate goal. This victory is at best a Pyrrhic one.

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Police probe alleged beating of Egyptian

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Police are investigating charges by an Egyptian travel agent that he was beaten up by three plainclothes officers and cursed for being Egyptian on Friday night.

Haifa police chief Tat Nitzav Ya'acov Havi said yesterday that he would not comment on the matter pending the findings "in a day or two." He would not say whether a senior officer had officially apologized to the complainant, 37-year-old Mustafa Osman, as Osman's lawyer had told *The Post*.

According to the lawyer, Khalil Kayouf, Osman was driving a hired car near the Armon cinema in Rehov Hanevi'im at about 1.30 a.m. on Friday night when three plainclothes officers in a marked police car stopped him and asked for his identity papers.

Osman handed them his Egyptian passport, whereupon they ordered him to get out of his car. He refused on the grounds that he had identified himself.

"They then dragged him out, set about him, causing him injuries and cursing him, Egypt and Camp David, telling him they didn't want Egyptians here," said the lawyer. Handcuffed and taken to a police station, Osman refused to enter a cell and demanded medical attention for his injuries. Police took him to Rambam Hospital at 4.30 a.m. The hospital has confirmed that he was injured in the left leg and left eye.

Osman claimed that the officers stole \$650 and NIS600 he had on him. He told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that he would seek \$1 million compensation for the insult to his dignity. He said that when he was

stopped, he answered the police in English. When he showed his passport, he said, one of the officers started cursing him in Arabic and kept talking to him in Arabic, "using very dirty language." The sight of the Egyptian passport, appeared to have "driven the officer mad," he said. Referring to the disappearance of his money, he said: "The money is not important, but the respect for myself and Egypt is."

Kayouf said the police had charged that Osman was driving under the influence of drink. "But blood tests we had made showed that he had not been drunk."

Osman has been in Israel for eight months, dealing with tourism between this country and Egypt. He lives in a rented flat here. Kayouf said his client intended staying in Israel despite the incident.

Ministry: No reason to panic about suspect bleach

By JUDY SIEGEL
Post Science and Health Reporter

The Witco company, which markets 80 per cent of the Economica (chlorine bleach) in the country, will stop production until the beginning of next week in order to eliminate a suspected carcinogen, sodium bichromate, from the manufacturing process.

Starting next week, all Loven Kleen Economica made by Witco will be colorless, instead of yellow, the colour created by the addition of sodium bichromate. Every bottle will carry a special sticker attesting to the absence of the compound, and the new Economica, said a Witco spokesman, will be "completely safe." It will cost the same as the old product, which — despite the additive — carried the approval of the Israel Standards Institute.

Witco maintains that it had "not felt a drop in sales" in the past few weeks, since publicity about the colouring agent began.

Meanwhile, the Health Ministry has decided to ask all other manufacturers who colour their household bleach with sodium bichromate to stop doing so. It has also

asked its legal advisers to draft regulations that would make the adding of sodium bichromate illegal.

The ministry spokesman claimed that scientific findings about the heavy metal's suspected carcinogenic properties have accumulated only in the past year, and that the ministry has been following the reports for months. The Histadrut's Consumer Protection Authority, headed by Nurit Katzir, claims that it — and not the ministry — first sounded the alarm about the colouring agent and publicly demanded a ministry comment a few weeks ago.

The ministry spokesman said there is "no reason to panic," as the suspected carcinogen may be dangerous only from "continued exposure over years," and not from ordinary household use. Workers in Economica factories, however, may have been exposed to dangerous levels. The ministry is not advising consumers to pour all their yellow Economica down the toilet. After Katzir's announcement, the ministry accused the Consumer Protection Authority of "causing needless panic" among the public.

Throwaway contact lenses prevent infection

By JUDY SIEGEL
Post Science and Health Reporter

Contact lenses that can be worn continuously for two weeks and then thrown away, and practically eliminate the danger of eye infections, will be available in Israel from next month. The lenses, manufactured in New Jersey by the pharmaceutical giant Johnson & Johnson, are suitable for up to 20 per cent of those with vision problems.

The porous lenses, made of a plastic called hema, will be available first at the Contact Lens Clinic of Hadassah-University Hospital, at 24 Rehov Straus in Jerusalem. Dr. Gene Stollman, who runs the clinic with Dr. Arthur Levinson, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the lenses "are

not for everybody, but for those suited to it, they are a dream come true."

Among those who cannot wear the new type of lenses are people who suffer from only low-degree near-sightedness, from far-sightedness or from allergic reactions to foreign materials in their eyes.

Since the colourless throwaway lenses are porous, oxygen freely reaches the cornea of the eye; with standard lenses, oxygen must seep in around the sides of the lens. In addition, one doesn't need to add lens solutions, says Stollman. One can sleep or swim with them. Each pair is packaged separately.

A year's supply of 26 pairs costs NIS 500 at the clinic. This compares

with standard lenses that range from NIS190 to NIS300 a pair. But those made of glass are more likely to break, fall out or get lost, he says. Stollman expects that private ophthalmologists will import them at a later date, but, as a public institution, Hadassah "will charge less."

Meanwhile, about 50 people are now using bi-focal contact lenses that have been introduced into Israel in the past year. The lenses are meant for wearers aged 45 and over. The glass lenses, says Stollman, are not suitable for younger people, as their vision changes, while middle-aged people's vision is usually stable. The bi-focal lenses are available at the Hadassah clinic and from a few private ophthalmologists.

Lawyer petitions for civil defence for Arabs

By ELAINE RUTH FLETCHER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

An Arab-Israeli lawyer has submitted a petition to the High Court of Justice asking Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin to explain why Arab citizens should not be included in the country's civil defence plans, including a recent chemical-warfare drill in the Jewish schools.

A three-member panel of the court is to hear the petition.

While all of the country's Jewish elementary and high school students donned gas masks for the November 24 drill, the pupils at Arab schools did not, attorney Darwish Nasser claims in the petition, which was filed on Sunday on behalf of Tira resident Youssef Nasser and the Legal Committee for Human Rights, an association of Arab-Israeli lawyers.

"This is not just discrimination in

a matter of money or property. It's a matter of life or death," says Nasser. It's a "transfer" — not to Kuwait or Saudi Arabia — but to eternity.

The attorney says that even Arab schools in mixed neighbourhoods in Haifa and Acre did not participate in the civil defence drill.

Nasser, a former Tira resident who now practices law in Jerusalem, says that the drill was only the most recent example of the exclusion of Arab-Israelis from civil defence planning.

"In Arab settlements there are no public or private bomb shelters even though local authorities are supposed to build them with the aid of Haifa, the civil defence authority," says Nasser. Although the law requires that bomb shelters be constructed in all new residential buildings, the requirement is ignored by

the authorities in the Arab sector, he says.

An IDF spokesman noted that in the past the IDF has stated that "there are gas masks for all Israeli residents, including Arabs." Nasser, however, questions whether there are enough gas masks for all Arab-Israelis.

Only last month Rabin said that Israel has four million gas masks, a figure short of Israel's current population of 4,380,000, says Nasser.

"There is strong circumstantial evidence showing that Arab citizens are not included in the civil defence framework and particularly not in the plans against chemical warfare," he says. In the petition, Nasser says that Israel's top officials have stated repeatedly that chemical warfare poses a clear and present danger to Israeli population centres.

High Court bars listing religious council without woman member

A temporary injunction was issued by the High Court of Justice yesterday barring the official government gazette, *Reshumot*, from listing the names of the members of Yeroham's new religious council un-

less it includes Leah Shakediel.

Shakediel, who is represented by the Association of Civil Rights, applied for the injunction after a government committee decided to approve the composition of the council

without her.

The committee decided to exclude Shakediel, though she was legally elected, because the rabbi of Yeroham and the Chief Rabbinate opposed her inclusion. (Jury)

The underlying implications of the INF treaty

WASHINGTON (Reuter) -- The medium-range missile agreement signed yesterday by President Reagan and Soviet leader Gorbachev has significance far beyond its limited face value, officials and independent experts say.

The treaty, the first to make real cuts in superpower nuclear arsenals, does away with around 2,800 deployed and stockpiled missiles, and some 3,800 warheads. Most of these are stationed in Europe.

Even its supporters concede, however, that the accord has limited military value, saying the West alone will still have more than 4,000 nuclear weapons in Europe and pointing out the treaty reduces only 4 per cent of the superpowers' total nuclear arsenals.

Both superpowers could use other weapons to hit the targets their medium-range missiles are aimed at, and are likely to re-organize their remaining forces to make sure there are no gaps, experts believe.

But the INF pact has been hailed as the first to eliminate an entire category of nuclear weapons, and may be seen in the future as a turning point in superpower relations.

Jonathan Dean, a former U.S. negotiator on conventional arms in Europe, said: "I think in historical terms we may look back on this as the big turning point in the cold war, the build-down in the cold war."

"Of course...it will be necessary to move forward to strategic reduction agreement and agreement to reduce conventional forces in Europe. But the conditions for doing both are much better than they have been because of this ice-breaking INF treaty."

Both superpowers are now talking about signing as early as next spring a much more far-reaching agreement for cutting their long-range strategic nuclear arsenals by half.

Talks are also under way in Vienna between Nato and the Warsaw Pact on starting a new set of negotiations to reduce troop levels and non-nuclear weaponry from the Atlantic to the Urals. And 40 nations are inching towards agreement in Geneva on a pact to outlaw chemical weapons worldwide.

The Reagan administration, which looked askance at arms control when it took office in 1981, is pursuing it vigorously on all fronts as it approaches the end of its term in January 1989.

One criticism that Reagan and his supporters once made of arms-control pacts signed by their predecessors was that it was difficult to verify that the Soviet Union was respecting them.

But the INF treaty contains verification measures never seen before,

including provisions for superpower inspectors to visit each other's countries and to watch missiles being destroyed.

Raymond Garthoff, a one-time U.S. strategic-arms negotiator, said this was "clearly a precedent for other strategic arms in the future. That is a major accomplishment."

Whatever the importance of the INF treaty for the U.S., the question of the so-called Euromissiles has long obsessed Washington's allies.

The governments of West Germany, Britain, Italy, Belgium and the Netherlands faced furious demonstrations by anti-nuclear campaigners after Nato decided in 1981 to station U.S. cruise and Pershing-2 missiles there.

Now that these missiles are to go, along with the Soviet SS-20 rockets they were intended to match, the allies worry that their defences against the Warsaw Pact armies will be weakened, and America's commitment to Europe reduced.

West European officials say they have now fully accepted the INF treaty. But many believe Nato must now thoroughly review its strategy in view of the disarmament accords, Soviet claims to have shifted to a more defensive military posture, and the possible future trimming of U.S. troop levels in Europe.

Gorbymania sweeps the U.S. media

LONDON (Reuter). -- The world's media hailed "Gorbymania" sweeping the U.S. in massive coverage of yesterday's summit meeting between Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and President Ronald Reagan.

The New York Times devoted five of its six above-the-fold front-page columns to the summit, splashing a four-column picture of the arrival of Gorbachev and his wife above a lead story entitled: "Seeking a hopeful symbol to match a soaring mood."

The Washington Post enthused about demonstrations and traffic jams in the American capital. American television networks broadcast live coverage of the Gorbachev's arrival at Andrews Air Force Base on Monday afternoon and followed his motorcade to the Soviet embassy in Washington.

Most detailed the in-fighting among society figures in Washington for invitations to the lavish banquet Reagan was hosting for Gorbachev last night.

The Washington correspondent of the right-wing French daily *Le Figaro* reported that America was "dizzy over Gorbachy" - the nickname for the Kremlin leader - and reveling in "Gorbymania" and "Gorby fever."

Two British tabloid papers also caught the mood, featuring huge front page pictures of Gorbachev with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher during his stopover in Britain beneath the word: "Comrades."

In Moscow, a smiling Thatcher appeared on the front page of the Soviet Communist party newspaper *Pravda*, seated next to the equally cheerful looking Gorbachev.

In Paris, headline writers at the leftist *Liberation* resorted to French to trumpet: "Le New Deal!"

The Italian Communist Party daily *L'Unita* took a more off-beat slant and focused on the alleged rift between Nancy Reagan and Raisa Gorbachev with a story headed: "Nancy can't stand Raisa."

The London Times, however, warned of the "risk of hyperbole"

surrounding the superpower treaty signed yesterday, cutting ground-launched intermediate range missiles in Europe.

"More than 95 per cent of the nuclear weapons now in place will remain in place," *The Times* said in an editorial. "And the East-West imbalance in conventional weapons in Europe will stand out even more starkly than before." West Germany's conservative *Frankfurter Allgemeine* newspaper said: "The zero option (INF) does not mean decoupling but it does leave a gap. The real danger is conventional imbalance."

"The facts do not argue against disarmament but against mindless zero options, and they argue for a different sequence of disarmament. Western Europe should concentrate now on the conventional threat."

Le Figaro also warned about the "high-risk summit - in Europe there are worries that security could be compromised." The paper's cartoonist summed up anxiety among conservatives about the arms deal, depicting Reagan and Gorbachev as two showmen undressing a timid Europe over the caption "Ronnie and Gorbachy in their wild striptease act."

In contrast, a petition signed by 3,500 people calling for more disarmament agreements and sponsored by the Inter-Church Peace Council was carried as a full-page advertisement in major Dutch newspapers.

"Gigantic amounts of money are being consumed in a struggle for power that doesn't serve peace and strengthens injustice. Let's look for security through peace, not with new weapons," the petition said.

Rai state television in Italy also had live coverage of the Gorbachev's arrival and scheduled live coverage of the signing of the arms treaty yesterday.

In Comiso, Sicily, where 112 cruise missiles are based, the inhabitants planned a day of celebration to mark the signing. A giant television screen was set up in the main square.



Mikhail and Raisa Gorbachev stepping off their plane at Andrews Air Force Base as they arrived for the beginning of the summit on Monday. (Reuter)

The Communist daily *L'Unita* said "the disarmament race begins - today Reagan and Gorbachev sign the historic accord."

The municipal council in the Dutch town of Hilversum called on citizens to hang out flags.

Opinions differ on approach to fighting for refusenik rights to emigrate

Sharansky vs. Mendelevich

By WALTER RUBY

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. -- The impressive picture of solidarity engendered by Sunday's massive demonstration here on behalf of Soviet Jewry has unhappily been marred by evidence of what may mildly be described as a divergence of tactical viewpoint between two leading ex-refuseniks.

This divergence in turn grows out of what appears to be a division of opinion between ex-refuseniks and American Jews on how to press the Soviet Union for greater Jewish emigration.

Yosef Mendelevich said yesterday that he finds it "rather strange" that fellow-Soviet emigre Nathan Sharansky has played down what Mendelevich believes are sharp differences between former refuseniks and American Jewish leaders on linking emigration and U.S.-Soviet trade and cultural exchanges.

Mendelevich was reacting to a statement by Sharansky at a press conference after the demonstration. Sharansky said in response to a question that he sees "differences only in style" between Mendelevich's demand that the Reagan administration pursue a policy of "no trade, no aid until 60,000 each year emigrate" and calls by American Jewish leaders like Morris Abram, president of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, that the Soviet Union live up to its Helsinki Treaty commitments and permit free Jewish emigration.

Abram and others have said that while they support continuation of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment that denies the Soviet Union Most Favored Nation status, they are not ready to support calls on the Reagan administration to forbid U.S. firms and banks from doing business with the Soviets until Jewish emigration dramatically increases.

Abram urged the heads of 60 American corporations "to carry the message of human rights" when they meet with Soviet leader Gorbachev tomorrow, but said he would not support boycotts of companies doing business with the Soviets as has been urged to do by some activists.

In comments to *The Jerusalem Post*, Mendelevich remarked, "It is rather strange if (Sharansky) doesn't understand the complete differences (between the refuseniks' position and that of Abram and other American Jewish leaders). We

were united on what Gorbachev's regime is about...but the differences lie in the conclusions about what (the Soviet Jewry movement) should do."

"We feel Jackson-Vanik is not enough now (because) it involves only government-to-government trade. We know there are a lot of private companies that will trade with the Soviet Union. We have to work on finding new tools and tactics for pressing the Soviet Union, and I am very afraid the American (Jewish) leaders are not crazy about doing that."

Sharansky, who reportedly played a key role in convincing American Jewish leaders to allow Mendelevich to speak at the rally, took part in a meeting prior to the rally in which the refusenik leaders gathered here agreed to speak out forcefully in favour of linking U.S.-Soviet trade, loans, and cultural and scientific exchanges with Jewish emigration.

While Mendelevich made the most dramatic demand for linkage from the rally platform, other former refuseniks such as Vladimir Slepak and Felix Abramovich also expressed support for the linkage concept.

During his press conference, Sharansky also made it clear that he takes a dim view of the upcoming meeting between Gorbachev and the American businessmen.

"Unfortunately," he said, "many businessmen are thinking only of how to make more successful business, and how to open new markets. They forget how dangerous it is to trade without limits and without any concern for moral issues."

Sharansky also criticized the \$6 billion worth of loans to the Soviet government by American banks, remarking, "It gives the Soviet Union new ways to subsidize trade relations and technological exchanges with the West, circumventing the limits placed (on U.S. Soviet trade) by senators and congressmen."

Asked about Mendelevich's reaction to his remarks, Sharansky said, "It was my impression that almost everybody in one or another form was speaking about linkage. Everybody puts it in his own words, some using more diplomatic language and some more tough language. But I think there is big consensus of understanding that Soviet Jewry must be linked with trade and technological exchanges."

Sharansky added, however, "The question is at what level of emigration...do we start bargaining with the Soviets? On this question, I suspect there can be very different opinions."

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Lack of detente between leaders' ladies?

WASHINGTON (Reuter) -- Raisa Gorbachev, resplendent in a silver fox coat, flew into Washington amid signs that she and Nancy Reagan were waging a cold war just as relations between their superpower husbands were warming.

Nancy and Raisa will join their spouses at several official events.

But the two First Ladies have only one private meeting scheduled - a tour of the White House private quarters - and this has fuelled speculation in symbol-sensitive Washington that Mrs. Reagan is miffed at her Russian counterpart. One private meeting is the absolute minimum required by protocol.

Adding to the speculation are excerpts from a planned book by former White House spokesman Larry Speakes that suggest Mrs. Reagan dislikes Mrs. Gorbachev.

Several news reports have quoted unnamed White House officials as saying Mrs. Reagan is angry at Mrs. Gorbachev for not replying to her invitation to tour the White House until a cable ultimatum was sent demanding a reply. Soviet officials said an itinerary for Mrs. Gorbachev may be issued later.

"I don't know her very well,"

Mrs. Reagan said on Monday, ducking questions about her relations with Mrs. Gorbachev. "She's very nice," the U.S. First Lady added.

During the 1985 Geneva summit, the first between President Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev, Nancy and Raisa hosted teas for each other and met at three official events.

Speakes, whose *Speaking Out* is to be published next May, says Mrs. Reagan did not like her Kremlin counterpart. "Mrs. Reagan regarded her as a dogmatic Marxist who simply spouted communist philosophy and cared little for Nancy's interest in child care, fighting drug abuse or other issues of substance," Speakes wrote in *The Washington Post*.

Mrs. Reagan, asked by reporters about Speakes's remarks, said only: "I didn't read it that way."

Nancy Reagan incidentally insists she is 64, although school records say she is 66. As for Raisa Gorbachev, nobody seems to know.

A Soviet official said recently that the Kremlin's First Lady was born in 1934, but some western media reports say she is two years older - 55. Her birthplace is just as much of a mystery.

BASKETBALL

Elitzur crushed by Real Madrid

By DON GOULD
Post Basketball Reporter
TEL AVIV. - Perennial Spanish champions Real Madrid seemed uncomfortable last night playing at Yad Eliyahu against an Israeli team other than Maccabi Tel Aviv in a competition not quite the calibre of the European Champions Cup.

They finally overcame their jitters to wear down a plucky but out-manned Elitzur Netanya 80-67 in Korac Cup action. For Netanya, it was their second straight home loss, and for Real it was their second consecutive win.

While Real Madrid were putting their act together, the Netanya team hung on to a small lead through most of the first half, mainly on the last hand of Jose Watson. At the 4:15 mark of the first half, Fernando Martin rammed home a dunk shot to give Real their first lead 26-25. They were to stay on top from then on.

High scores: Jose Watson, the triumphant Real Madrid, led Real Madrid with 23 points. His three consecutive three-pointers midway through the second half helped Real build up a solid lead. Jose Watson, with 19, and Steve Malovic with 14, led the scoring for Elitzur.

Hapoel Galil Elion had a better night last night when they beat Marmandad of Belgium, in Belgium 83-57.

Sea of Galilee Marathon runs today

By JACK LEON
TIBERIAS. - Some 550 runners, more than 150 of them from 25 countries, will line up at the Tiberias Plaza Hotel at 9 a.m. today for the 11th Sea of Galilee International Marathon. The 42 kilometre race follows a course around the southern perimeter of Lake Kinneret to Kibbutz Ein Gev and the athletes then retrace their steps back to Tiberias.

Light rain fell yesterday evening on this festooned lakeside town, but it was not significant enough to affect the route.

Scotland's Lindsay Robertson, 29, is more in the limelight than he might wish, as he attempts to become the first man to win the race three times (following victories in 1984 and 1985). After winning the Frankfurt marathon two months ago from 5,500 starters in a personal best time of 2:13:30, there are also hopes he will finally break the Galilee race record of 2:14:02. This was set in 1978 by Rhodesia's Kevin Shaw.

But, Robertson, preferring a rather coy press, is declining any predictions. "It would be marvelous to win a third time, and even better to break the race record, but we will have to wait and see," he says with a smile. "There is a strong entry here and it is sure to be a tough race."

Last night, the traditional pre-marathon party was held in a festive atmosphere at the Plaza Hotel, which serves as race headquarters.

SOCCER - In a second-division game postponed from last Saturday, Hapoel Jerusalem consolidated their position at the top of the league with a 3-1 (2-0 away) win over Hapoel Tel Aviv. They won the title by four points.

NEL - Monday night's only game (OTT) Toronto 5, Detroit 4.

Lendl the Master wants to go back to school



MASTER - Ivan Lendl. (AFP)

NEW YORK (Reuters). - Ivan Lendl, the world's best tennis player for the past three years, says he still has a lot to learn.

He had difficulty convincing the tennis world of this "fact" after crushing Sweden's Mats Wilander 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 to win his third successive Grand Prix Masters at Madison Square Garden here late on Monday night.

But he stressed: "I'm not joking at all. There are millions of ways to get better. There are new shots I can learn. There are new ways of using the shots I have now. There are always ways of getting better physically. I can be stronger, quicker, more flexible, have better stamina and a stronger upper body."

Lendl displayed awesome power, accuracy and supreme confidence against Wilander on his way to winning the \$100,000 first prize. He set the tone of the match by breaking Wilander in the first game. He went on to break the Swede in the first game of the following two sets.

Wilander had occasional successes. He broke the defending champion in the fourth game of the match and again in the sixth game of the third set but Lendl was simply too powerful for him.

"It may have been the best match I've played all year," Lendl said. "I'm glad the year is over but I'm sad in a way because when you play

so well you don't want it to be finished."

Lendl's next target is the Australian Open next month - one of the Grand Slam titles. Wimbledon is the other - that he has yet to win.

Those expected to challenge him in Melbourne include twice Wimbledon champion Boris Becker, Wilander, Stefan Edberg - a semifinalist at the Masters - and Australian Pat Cash.

Essentially a serve and volley player, Edberg often appears to lose confidence and be intimidated by Lendl's power.

Wilander's defeat was his third of the year to Lendl in the finals of major tournaments. He also lost in

the finals of the French and U.S. Opens.

"In a way those defeats make me work a little bit harder, because I know that I can beat everybody except maybe Lendl. Now there's just one guy that I have to beat," Wilander said.

After failing to reach the last four here, Becker returned home to West Germany to see a specialist about an injured knee.

Before leaving New York he said that he faced "some hard work" in knocking Lendl from his pedestal.

"Hopefully, when I'm 100 per cent healthy I will be able to do the things I want to do. I know I'm quite a good tennis player," he added.

Cash, the reigning Wimbledon champion, had a 2-1 record in the round-robin portion of the eight-man Masters, and said that he was ready to challenge Lendl for the top spot in the rankings.

He said that finishing the year ranked seventh in the world was especially pleasing as he had hoped to be only "around 15 or something like that, so I would be poised to make my move into the top 10 in '88."

But Cash, an excellent grass court player, knows that he must learn to play on all surfaces consistently well if he is to seriously challenge Lendl's position.



OVER THE TOP - Miami Dolphins running back Troy Stradford dives into the end zone to score a touchdown against the New York Jets in Miami. The Dolphins won 37-28. (Reuters telephoto)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

MIAMI (AP). - Second-ranked Miami held off No. 8 South Carolina 20-16 on Saturday night, setting up a national championship showdown with Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl.

Steve Walsh, the sophomore to 1986 Heisman Trophy winner Vinny Testaverde, threw 14-18th and 19th touchdowns passes of the season in leading the Hurricanes to an 11-0 record.

Miami became the fourth team to post together or consecutive 11-0 regular seasons since the

NCAA went to an 11th game in 1979. They will meet No. 1-ranked Oklahoma, who 11-0, in the Orange Bowl on New Year's night.

Saturday's game was the finale to college football's regular season. South Carolina, 6-3 after having a six-game winning streak snapped, will play LSU in the Gator Bowl.

Also on Saturday, Army stuck with their ground troops to grind out a 17-3 victory over Navy in their 88th.

NBA

Olajuwon puts up \$50,000 he's 'not using drugs'

HOUSTON (AP). - Houston Rockets centre Akeem Olajuwon says he is not using drugs and he's offering to put up at least \$50,000 to prove it.

"If anyone thinks I'm on drugs, bring \$1,000 and put it down, and I'll put \$50,000, \$100,000 up front," Olajuwon said. "If I take a drug test and if I fail, they can get the \$50,000. If I'm right, they can donate the thousand dollars to a drug centre."

"I'll take the drug test any time, and not just now, as long as I'm in the league," Olajuwon said. "It's important to him to squish rumours circulating in the National Basketball Association that he is using drugs."

"I don't know who started these rumours about me," he said. "It's coming from everywhere. He said, 'he said, she said.'"

"I'm not on the street. I've never been on the street. I don't know where these things start. I don't know what I can do to stop them."

Olajuwon's frustration erupted into a public rant with teammates Robert Horry, who Olajuwon said helped spread the rumours. The two exchanged punches during a workout, but Olajuwon said neither had suffered any fractures and shock heads.

Olajuwon, a native of Nigeria who grew up in a middle-class family in Lagos, is well-educated and speaks several languages.

"I'm a very quiet person," he said. "I'm a basketball player. It would be bad to be involved with drugs. Drugs are a dead-end street. If I do drugs, I'm dead. I have everything to lose."

CRICKET

Gatting rows with umpire, England control 2nd Test

FAISALABAD, Pakistan (Reuters). - A fresh row between the England team and Pakistani umpires marred the second Test here yesterday.

A heated, finger-pointing confrontation between captain Mike Gatting and umpire Shakoor Rana erupted just before the close of the second day, in which England had the hosts reeling on 106 for five in reply to 292.

Gatting lost his temper when Rana, at square-leg, faulted him for allegedly moving fielders after Eddie Hemmings was bowling the last over of the day. The furious captain stormed over and exchanged words with Rana, who has been involved in controversies with touring sides on three previous occasions.

"I have never known such rude behaviour by a Test captain," Rana fumed. "When I warned him that it was unfair to sneakily move the fielder behind the batsman he started to abuse me, using foul language."

Gatting retorted: "He said he felt I was cheating and I was a little upset about that. What happened was that I moved David Capel from deep square leg to try to save a single because we wanted to get an

extra over in. I told batsman Salim Malik what I was doing and he said okay."

"As Eddie Hemmings came in to bowl I signalled David to stop because I didn't want him too close, at which point the umpire felt it was his responsibility to stop play and inform the batsman. 'I said I didn't think it was the role of the square leg umpire to do that. I thought I had been totally fair by informing Malik what was going on.'"

England tour manager Peter Lush said there was no question of disciplining Gatting. He added: "I think it is very sad that the series has been marred by incidents."

Rana had intervened earlier in the day when he went down the pitch to talk to close fielder Bill Athey, who was clearly upset when the umpire rejected an appeal for a bat-pad catch against Elan Aherne.

The Faisalabad test had previously been free of major incidents, though both Graham Gooch and Athey were unhappy at being given out on Monday.

England failed to build on their overnight 254 for four. The last six wickets fell for only 36 more runs, four of them to veteran left-arm spinner Iqbal Qasim. Broad, remaining on 101, added a pedestrian 15 before he was snail out when Yousaf Ali bowled him.

Nail Foster and John Embury struck back quickly with two and three wickets respectively. Fast bowler Foster dismissed opener Mudasir Nazir and Ramess Raja for one and 12 respectively.

In Nagpur, India, West Indies overcame India by 10 runs yesterday in the first one-day international between the two sides.

Yachtsmen compete for Olympic spots

By PAUL KOHN
It is a safe bet that Amos Mansdorf will be named Israel's 1987 Sportsman of the Year. The tennis star has enjoyed broad public attention as he exploits around the world have enabled him to touch briefly 18th place in the world rankings.

Israeli yachtsmen have not received nearly as much adoring notice even though in the two Olympic sailing events, the "Flying Dutchman" and the "470" class, Israelis are placed in the world's top ten.

But the top yachtsmen claim it is they who are more likely than anyone else to bring home Israel's first-ever Olympic medal from next year's Seoul Olympiad.

The claim is not as far-fetched as sceptics might think.

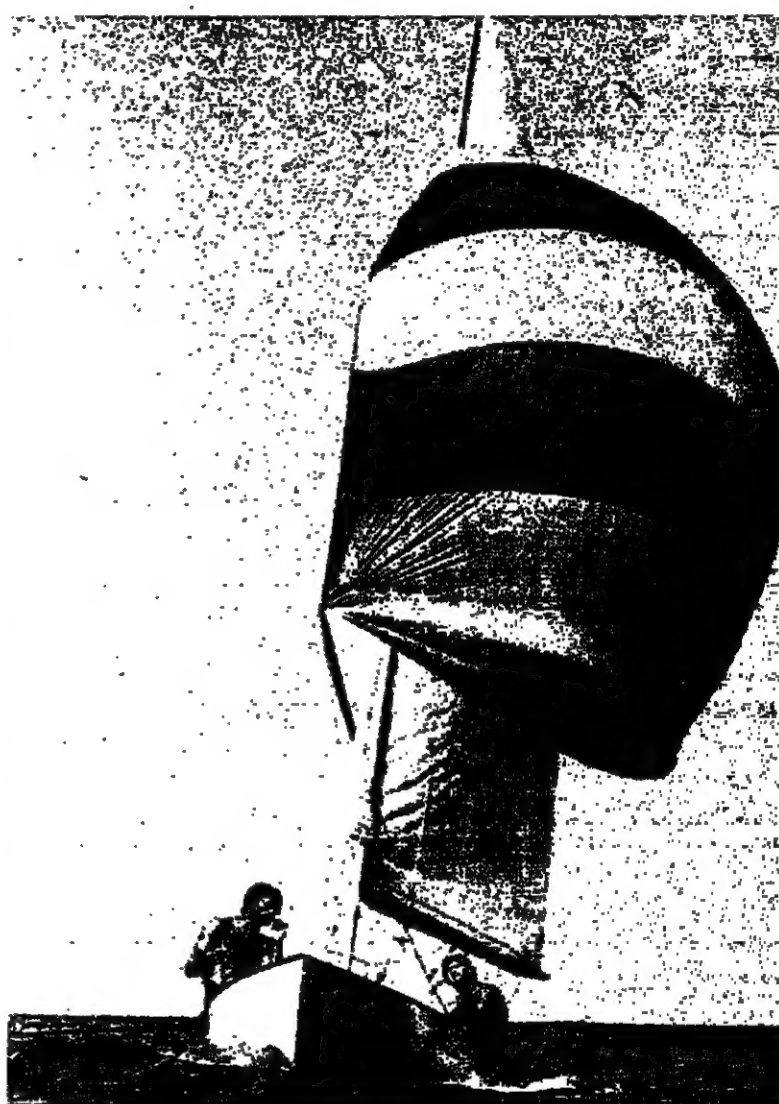
Veteran yachtsmen Yoel Sela, 36, and Eldad Amir, 26, of Kibbutz Sdot Yam, in September won second place among 27 contestants from 17 countries who participated in the "Pre-Olympic Trials" off Pusan, South Korea, in the Chosen Straits waters where the actual Olympic sailing events will take place. A Danish pair won the event.

"The conditions were really rough with four metre high waves hitting our 160-kilowatt dinghy," Sela recalls. In June, Sela and Amir gained 8th place in the world championships at Kiel after being poised in second place after five of the seven races.

The Olympic team selectors should be in no dilemma when it comes to naming the yachtsmen in the Flying Dutchman races but will have a far more difficult time in choosing Israel's pair for the smaller and lighter "470" dinghy event.

"The choice can only be made after a series of international sailing events between now and next summer," Ezra Doron, chairman of the Sports Federation's Sailing Association, said. One of these will be the 470 world championships to be staged in Haifa Bay next March.

Prior to the last Olympic Games



OLYMPIC HOPES - Yoel Sela and Eldad Amir are almost certain of representing Israel in the Flying Dutchman sailing races at the Seoul Olympics. (Hana Guttman)

in Los Angeles in 1984, we were led to believe that yachtsmen Shimon Brockman and Eytan Friedlander were in the chase for a medal. They finished 8th - no mean feat, but something short of anticipations. The same sailors had earlier won the

European championships.

Brockman and Friedlander will come back from virtual retirement and are certain to be in the short list again for selection to Seoul.

This time, though, they will face stiff opposition for the Olympic

places from the brothers Dan and Ran Tortan, and the 21-year-old twins Adir and Eldar Ezra of Hapoel Bat Yam.

The Tortan brothers had a splendid season in 1986 during which they won 6th place in the World Championships in Spain and were placed 7th in the European championships. In international events this year, the Ezra brothers have emerged with the best overall results.

In Pusan, Israeli yachtsmen will be at a clear disadvantage. It is already known that one of the races in both the Flying Dutchman and 470 events will take place on Yom Kippur, which will mean the Israelis will not participate. Their final placings will be from their results in the six races in which they set sail, whereas the other yachtsmen's scores will be from the best six results from seven starts.

Despite this stroke of bad luck in Olympic scheduling, Ezra Doron is confident that Israel's yachtsmen will finish in the first ten, and if any of our pairs are their very best they could win Israel's first Olympic medal," he said.

Other "seamen" who could make the Israel Olympic squad are the sailboarders, the best of whom are the teenage brothers Amit and Eran Inbar and Amir Arad. In this sport too, Israel will host the world championships next June.

Why are local sailors so close to the top? Doron feels that the weather is ideal for most of the year; the sea good for training; and that yachting requires brains. "It is like playing chess on the water," he says.

Whist Amos Mansdorf and Eli Ohana, now making his mark in Europe with match-winning goals, play before many thousands who are involved in their every move at close range, the yachtsmen chart a lonely course. They have none to cheer them on from the stands; that they have reached their high ranking is due to sheer determination to succeed.

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Keep Fit 15.45 Telecast 16.00 Mrs. Peppercorn 16.10
Side Path 16.20 TV Game 17.00 A New Evening - live magazine

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.30 Sonarcast
ARABIC LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES:
18.30 News roundup 18.32 Agriculture Today 18.00
Health Magazine 19.30 News
HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at
20.00 with a news roundup
20.02 From the Movies - cinema magazine
20.30 Between Two Stools - family magazine
21.00 Mabat Newsweek
21.25 Mabat
21.26 Plaza Suite, Arthur Miller's 1971 film based on the play by Neil Simon stars Walter Matthau and Maureen Stapleton
22.55 News

ISRAEL TV CHANNEL 2
17.30 Children's cartoons 18.00 Film 20.00 Far Horizons - documentary 21.00 Pop 2

JORDAN TV (unofficial)
12.30 Cartoons 18.00 French Hour 19.30 News in Hebrew 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 Valerie 21.10 Documentary 22.00 News in English 22.30 Hunter 22.10 Ha-De-Hi

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13.30 Another Life 14.00 700 Club 14.30 Shape-Up 15.30 Muppet Babies 15.30 Super Book 16.00 Fraggles Rock 16.30 Afternoon Movie: Abbott and Costello meet Captain Kidd 18.00 Gimme a Break 18.30 The Campbells 19.30 News 20.00 Murder, She Wrote 21.00 Head of the Class 21.30 Newhart 22.00 The Equalizer 23.00 700 Club 23.30 Another Life

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How I led the killer hang-glider squad

Abu Thayer, the claimed leader of the hang-glider squad, told his story in Damascus the day after the operation.

By SHYAM BHATIA
DAMASCUS. — "Unless they build a wall in the sky or surround their territory with nets, they can never be sure of safety," says the 23-year-old Palestinian who led the hang-glider attack against Israel.

Abu Thayer, as he calls himself, was born in a refugee camp outside Damascus and learned to use the Kalashnikov while still a young teenager. Last month, much to his own surprise, he was selected to lead the assault on a military camp in northern Israel.

In an exclusive interview with *The Observer* after his safe return to the Syrian capital, he insisted that four men took part in the mission, not three as the Israelis said. One man was fatally wounded in the attack. A second was shot as he was leaving Israeli airspace, Abu Thayer said. He managed to land his powered hang-glider in Lebanese territory just across the border, where he died from his wounds the following morning.

"Our operation shows we can attack them again and again," Abu Thayer said. "The beauty of the hang-glider is that it cannot be detected by radar — it is just like an innocent sparrow."

THE INTERVIEW took place in the Damascus office of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC), a splinter group that broke away from the PLO in 1969.

Freshly printed posters of the two dead men, Abu Ali and Abu Rami, were being pasted on the walls. They were interspersed with portraits of the popular Palestinian cartoonist Naji Ali, who was murdered in London last July.

Abu Thayer's team took off just before 9 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25. "It was like a dream. I could see the stars and the crescent moon."

The Israeli Army has said that it was on the alert for hang-glider attacks, but Abu Thayer says he flew over "five or six" radars without being detected.

He and his companions flew at a height of 1,000 metres, slowly winging their way across the Lebanese border with the lights of the Hula plain glittering below them. When they landed on a field of dry thorns, Abu Thayer claims there was still no sign of military activity, even though Israeli assets that he said had been sounded.

"If the alert had been sounded, we would have been blown out of the sky," he said. "We would not have had a chance to land."

He explained: "Once we landed safely, our strategy was to form two groups, one to penetrate the camp and the other for back-up."

TWO MEMBERS of the group, known under the names of Abu

Rami and Abu Hassan, led the attack. The other two, Abu Thayer and Abu Ali, provided covering fire. All four were armed with Kalashnikovs and grenades — "enough to kill a thousand soldiers."

Their first victims were Israeli soldiers who drove by accident into their line of fire. One soldier was killed and another, a woman, was wounded. By this time, the advance team had entered the camp and opened fire.

Abu Thayer, who was in contact with his men by walkie-talkie, was told that most of the Israeli soldiers were in their pyjamas. They were confused and did not seem to know what was happening. During the attack, he said, his men also hit an oil tank; "at least we think it was an oil tank, because there was a large fire."

When the Israelis started their counter-attack, Abu Thayer ordered a retreat. It was then, the Palestinians say, that they suffered their first casualty, Abu Rami, who was fatally wounded but still managed to provide covering fire as the other three ran back to their hang-gliers.

THE LAST man to take off, Abu Ali, was spotted by Israeli Army helicopters when he was less than 30 metres off the ground. He was wounded by ground fire and forced to land just across the Lebanese border.

"Abu Hassan and I were much higher, and the helicopters could not see us," Abu Thayer said. "If Abu Ali had managed to fly on for another three kilometres, he would have been safe. Unfortunately, he had to land and the helicopters kept circling around him. In the morning, when they sent in their ground troops, he was dead."

The PFLP-GC says the purpose of the attack was to highlight the Palestinian issue and demonstrate that guerrilla resistance to Israel is still a force to be reckoned with.

A spokesman said it was significant that the attack took place two weeks after the latest Arab summit meeting in Amman. "Some Arab governments believe the Gulf war is more important. We say 'no.' We say 'no' to those who want to negotiate away our rights and we say 'yes' to the continuation of our armed struggle."

What concerns the Palestinians now is the nature of Israel's expected retaliation.

Abu Thayer believes that Israel has assembled a commando "hit" team to exact revenge for the operation. Pointing out that he and Abu Hassan, the other survivor, are logical targets for such a mission, he asked: "When you write your article, do not describe me. Tell them only that you interviewed a soldier fighting for his homeland." (Observer News Service)

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Posters of Abu Ali and Abu Rami, the terrorists who were killed during the hang-glider attack, were pasted up in Damascus the following day.

The other side of Canada Camp

By JEFFREY BARTHOLET
CANADA REFUGEE CAMP, Egypt. — A firefight on its Sinai border with Israel has led Egypt to tighten controls on Palestinians already cut off from families and friends by barbed wire and machinegun towers.

After unknown attackers struck an Israeli patrol on December 1, Egypt temporarily forbade meetings at a refugee camp border fence where Palestinians hail friends and relatives in the Gaza Strip.

There are 5,000 refugees in Canada Camp, cut off from 600,000 Palestinians in Gaza by a border shift created by the 1979 Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

Among those not allowed to visit the "shouting fence" was seven-year-old Iness Ibrahim Nijar whose father is on the other side of the border. The shy schoolgirl says she calls out to him when she sees him. "How are you, how is your work?" For Iness, whose father lives with a second wife one kilometre from her mother's home, visits to the fence have become a regular part of her life.

On her birthday in late November, she saw her father and two older sisters at the border and asked them for a new dress.

Wedding and funeral processions also go to the fence to exchange cries of joy or grief.

The refugee settlement, formerly a camp for a Canadian unit of a 1960s UN peacekeeping force, was formed in occupied Egypt after Israel's 1967 conquest of the Sinai.

When Israel withdrew from Sinai in 1982, Canada Camp residents were stranded on the Egyptian side of the border.

In the attack last week, gunmen threw two grenades and fired a light machinegun at Israeli soldiers, wounding a Beduin scout before escaping back to Egyptian territory.

According to Canada Camp residents, some Palestinians were detained and many questioned. One

man summoned to police headquarters said the questions focused on smuggling.

"They are trying to find out who did this. There are many questions," said a camp official who asked not to be named.

In Israel, security forces believe the clash was instigated by gunmen who may have purposely tripped an alarm on the fence to draw an Israeli patrol into an ambush.

Both governments played down the attack but it drew criticism from extreme right-wingers in Israel of Egypt's approach to relations with the Jewish state.

Many Canada Camp residents feared the incident might lessen their chances of being reunited with the rest of the Palestinian community in the Gaza town of Rafah.

In 1982, camp families were promised they would begin the transfer to Gaza within six months, as envisaged in the withdrawal accord. More than five years later, they are still waiting.

UN officials in the Gaza Strip say the return of the refugees is delayed only because Egypt has yet to provide the \$8,000 per family it pledged to aid resettlement — a total of over \$4 million.

The officials said Israel had provided plots of land for the refugees in the Tel Es-Sultan suburb north of Rafah with roads, water, electricity and sewage.

"We have done everything we can. We are waiting for the Egyptians to go ahead," said an Israeli official.

Egyptian spokesmen in Cairo were not available for comment.

UN officials who visited Cairo in September were assured there was no political obstacle to the move. They were told that Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Maguid was trying to solve the problem.

Canada Camp residents worry that the incident on the border, where Israeli security officials said a Palestinian flag was found, could

create pressure in Israel to keep Palestinians out of the occupied Arab territory.

"These are fruitless actions," said Mahmoud Rushdy Al-Khatib, supervisor of the camp school. "No-body believes they could be done by Canada Camp people. We want to go back, to live there, to establish our homes there." Many residents of Canada Camp are allowed a one-month permit to cross the Israeli border twice a year. But it costs about \$75 — a prohibitive sum to many refugees.

Men aged 16-26 — considered the most politicized and therefore the most dangerous to Israel — are not allowed to cross the border. Others seen as security risks are also barred.

Some Canada Camp women married to men from the other side of the border see their husbands less than two months every year.

"We are tired of the wire," said Sabha, whose daughter was visiting her husband on the other side. "They were engaged before (the new border)... Now they have a daughter." Under the Egypt-Israel accord, a few dozen Palestinians may cross every week to work in Gaza, if they had jobs there before the border change.

Other young men, ineligible to buy land or to hold a government job in Egypt, are idle.

A single school in the camp, funded by the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) and by community donations, works three shifts to provide primary, preparatory and secondary education for about 1,900 pupils.

Every two months, UNRWA delivers food rations to the camp.

"It's not a prison, but it could be like a ghetto," said Khatib. "We are tied to Canada Camp. We can't move."

"They promised us," said a schoolteacher. "We are waiting for our return to Gaza, so we live quietly." (Renter)

The Iraq-backed Iranian anti-Khomeini underground

Rebels waiting in the wings

By SALAH NASRAWI

ON THE IRANIAN BORDER. — "We always shout at them to surrender. If they don't, we start shooting," said Hashemi Peravand, a resistance commander of Iranian dissident guerrillas fighting the regime of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Peravand said he was shot in the thigh while leading his men in a recent attack on an Iranian army post in the Khushk area near Ahvaz, 96 kilometres inside Iran.

"I shot four men dead and captured six," he told newsmen during a visit to a resistance base and hospital inside Iraq close to the border with Iran.

"I was wounded when a sniper shot me while I was covering the withdrawal of our fighters," he said as he lay in bed in a small room he

shared with two other wounded fighters.

There were scores more wounded men from the Mujahedeen Khalq, or Holy Warriors, the main component of the Iraq-based National Liberation Army of Iran, formed last June.

Since January, the NLA-Mujahedeen has claimed to have carried out nearly 100 assaults on Iranian military positions in western Iran, killing or wounding more than 4,000 Iranian soldiers and revolutionary guards.

There has been no independent confirmation of these claims. But the Tehran regime has in recent weeks acknowledged that the opposition factions are making an impact and have launched counter-offensives against them.

President Ali Khamenei has said publicly that what Iran calls "counter-revolutionary elements" have killed more than 1,000 soldiers and officials.

The two-storey guerrilla hospital is located in the central sector of the Iran-Iraq border, about two hours' drive from the Iraqi capital of Baghdad.

Newsmen were asked not to reveal the location of the base and hospital. They were driven there at night by two Mujahedeen officials wearing expensive Parisian suits.

In contrast, doctors and staff at the hospital were all dressed in khaki military uniforms under their white medical robes.

A young Iranian woman physician identified only as Dr. Baluchi conducted the newsmen around the wards, introducing them to patients, and translating from Persian to English.

Baluchi did not wear a *chador*, the head-to-toe black robe worn by all women in Iran to conform with the strict Islamic rules of Khomeini's regime.

The doctor, 32, said she was a graduate of Teheran University and that she joined the resistance in 1977, then fighting for the overthrow of the monarchy.



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A day at Oman's Muttrah market

By STEPHEN JUKES

OMAN. — Silver Omani daggers fit for a king lie hidden from view behind garish stalls of pirated Michael Jackson cassettes and inflatable toy jumbo jets.

Splashes of red and yellow polyester dresses flick out from beneath black veils as Omani women hurry through the winding alleys, stopping only to gaze at window displays dripping with gold jewelry. The art of the silversmith is still prized in the Sultanate of Oman but is becoming rarer as fashion and taste catch up with the earlier inflow of petrodollar wealth and swing in favour of gold.

Ornate silver necklaces and curved daggers — known as *khanjars* and a symbol of masculinity — now take second place to the scores of gold shops in the bustling souk.

The Muttrah souk, one of the oldest and liveliest in the Gulf oil state of Oman, is a mishmash of old and new, a rabbit warren of alleyways which bursts into life every day as soon as the sun sets over the bay's palm-lined waterfront.

IN ALI SALEH'S fly-blown back room, a refuge from stalls selling transistor radios and cheap toys, two dozen ancient handmade rifles are stacked up against the wall, the barrels finely ornamented with silver chasing.

He rummages through a tray to produce a Marie Theresa thaler, an

Austrian silver coin first minted in 1751 which was still legal tender in Oman until 1970, when a currency reform was introduced.

They were also used to set the value of a bridal gift, or *mahr*, bestowed by Omani men on their young wives.

But today the thalers have become little more than curiosities and, after due haggling, Ali is happy to part with one for three Omani rials — about eight dollars.

A maze of alleyways further into the souk, in the shadow of a towering Portuguese fort guarding the Gulf of Oman coastline, Saleh Ali Mohammed has one of the few silversmith workshops still actively making jewelry in Muttrah. His father and grandfather before him made the ceremonial *khanjars*, which the Omani man wore with pride at his waist on formal occasions and feast days.

The handle is usually made of rhinoceros horn and silver, and the scabbard is decorated with seven silver rings through which fine strands of silver thread are woven.

It is 10 to 15 days' intricate work for Saleh or one of his young apprentices that will cost a customer as much as 1,500 rials or nearly \$4,000.

"These are the best quality you can buy," he says, clutching five *khanjars* or twenty thousand dollars' worth in his hand. "They aren't so good in Nizwa." Nizwa, one of

Oman's ancient capitals in the interior, is a rival silver centre, with its own distinctive jewelry designs that some silversmiths trace back to Indian folklore and 10th-century China.

IN CONTRAST to gold, which is imported into Oman, silver is brought from veins near the country's northern copper mine in the Hajar Mountains.

Khanjars and necklaces are often presented to visiting heads of state by Sultan Qaboos Bin Said, who took over the country from his father in a 1970 coup and has tried to strike a balance between tradition and progress.

But the black-veiled women who flock to the souk have eyes only for gold in what appears to be one of the most recession-proof businesses in the Gulf.

A huge army of expatriate Indians in one glittering shop weigh individual pieces on scales and work out the price on calculators. Omani wives phone their husbands for advice and a one-year-old child smiles contentedly as she is presented with golden earrings.

Outside on the waterfront, a Toyota pickup disgorges four black veiled women. They clamber down and begin an evening's gold browsing.

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Israel, EC near pact on West Bank exports to Europe

BY YOSSE LEMPCOWICZ
and agencies

BRUSSELS.— Israel and the European Community were yesterday close to settling a dispute over West Bank and Gaza farm exports to Europe, paving the way for the EC to approve tariff cuts for key agricultural exports from Israel itself.

Diplomats in Brussels said Israel and the EC's Executive Commission agreed that farmers in the territories would have the choice of exporting directly to the EC without having to go through Israeli state marketing bodies, Agrexco and the Citrus Marketing Board.

The accord could be completed and endorsed today by the 12 member states, through their ambassadors in Brussels. It would then go to the European Parliament next week for approval.

The EC has pressed hard for the Israeli government to drop its insistence that all exports from the territories be channelled through the marketing monopolies.

Some EC member states had unofficially made progress on the issue a condition for approving new economic protocols between Israel and

the 12-nation bloc that would cut tariffs for Israeli exports of cut flowers and other produce, diplomats said.

Israel has protested to the Europeans over what it considers unfair linkage of the issues. Britain had led the fight to unofficially link the two issues.

Some diplomats said it was not certain tariffs would be cut in time for the lucrative Christmas trade.

Under the agreement, West Bank and Gaza farmers would have the choice of continuing to export through Israeli state marketing monopolies or of selling directly to European clients. Direct sales would have to be approved by an Israeli inter-ministerial body consisting of officials from the Agriculture, Foreign and Defence ministries, diplomats said.

West Bank farmers would have to provide commercial reasons—and no other—for exporting directly to the European customers.

Israel has already agreed that produce from the occupied territories should be labelled according to its town of origin and not under Israeli brand names.

Advertising exhibit

Attention-getting devices

By KEN SCHACHTER
For The Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV.—Flashy videos, glitzy promotions and a toothpaste tube fit for Goliath's big brother are among the attractions at Media 88, which is ending its two-day run today.

The exhibition, at the Hilton Hotel here, brings together dozens of companies specializing in delivering messages to the public. Some of the companies use well-worn methods, such as promotional gifts, to reach their audience, while others try to grab the passerby by the lapels.

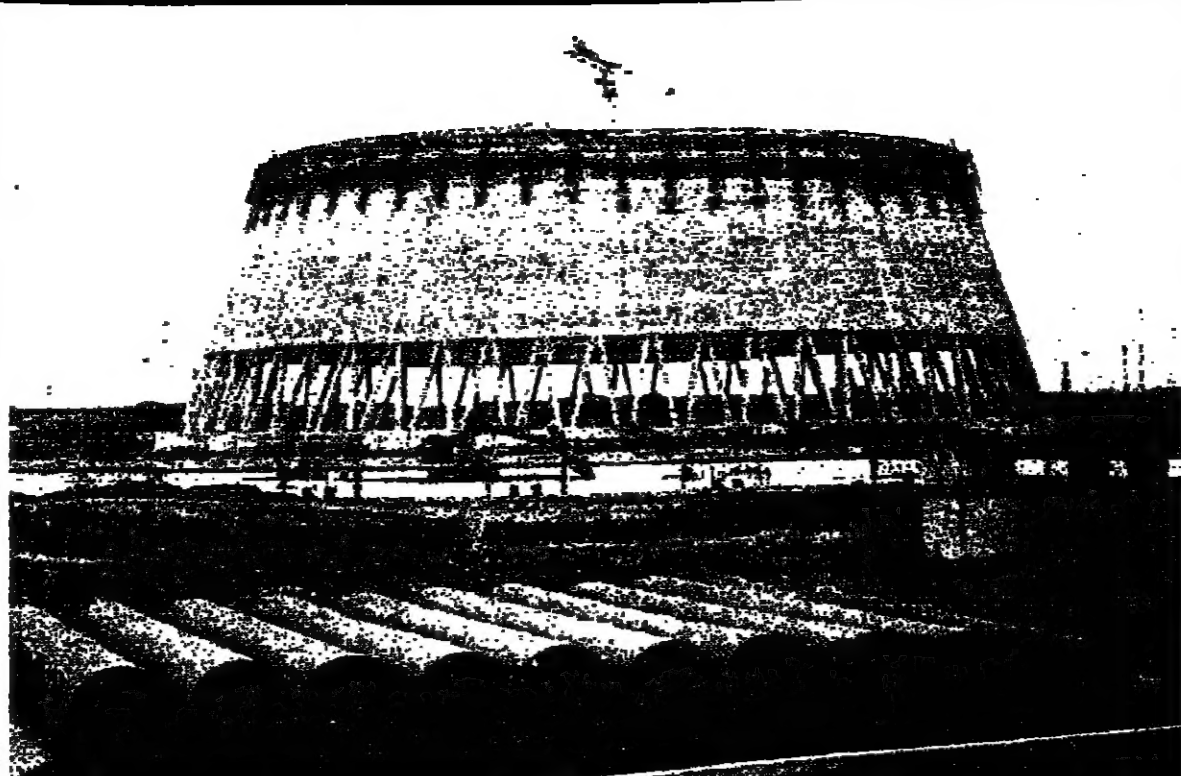
A case in point is Point of Sale Advertising Ltd. "Our motto is: In order to sell, you must be seen," said sales representative Carmela Hoshmand. No one could accuse the company of failing to live by its words. The firm specializes in making giant-size facsimiles of familiar consumer products. A tube of Colgate toothpaste grows to nearly two metres and is hung from the ceiling;

a bottle of Osem ketchup expands to gargantuan proportions.

"It's exactly like the original item," said Hoshmand, noting that the promotions even have the listing of ingredients.

Elsewhere, Yaron Tibet, managing director of Media Electronics, was showing off a wall-size array of lights that coalesce to form a moving image or written message. The electronic form is usually associated with New York's Times Square but Tibet said Israel will get its first dose of the bright lights in three weeks at the Canion Ayalon in Ramat Gan.

But the prize for conceptual originality would have to be awarded to a modest booth promoting a marketing company. Aligned on the table were several aerosol cans labelled with the international traffic symbol for prohibited actions superimposed on a picture of a bull. The product's name: Bull—Repellent.



The Czech nuclear power plant going up in Temelin, with four blocks of 1,000 megawatts each, to be operational in 1991 or 1992. It is the largest nuclear building site in middle Europe, employing approximately 5,000 workers. (AFP)

Plenty of goods available, if you can afford them

Visitor finds Poles far from starvation

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Travellers to Poland no longer have to cram jeans and nylons into their luggage to use as gifts or barter, a recent visit to Poland indicates.

Both are easily procurable. Harder to get are hygiene items such as toilet paper, facial tissues, sanitary pads and tampons. None of these items are on display in department stores, supermarkets, cosmetics stores or pharmacies.

The latter three products can be purchased with some difficulty, but in order to acquire a roll of toilet paper, the poor Poles must come armed with three-and-a-half kilos of newspaper and other waste paper which can be recycled. There isn't a steady supply of toilet paper, and sometimes disgruntled consumers have to walk away with a coupon to present at some future date.

Something else hard to get and not the sort of thing one packs in one's suitcase is petrol. This and meat are the only products still rationed in Poland. Cab drivers are entitled to 400 litres of petrol a month. Regular drivers have to make do with 30 litres. Though meat is rationed in state-owned stores, those who can afford it can buy as much as they like in privately operated establishments.

Contrary to the image conveyed in the Western press, the Poles are

not on the verge of starvation. Although the Russians have stripped Poland of a sizeable portion of her natural resources, the country is still rich in agricultural produce. The photographs one sees of shopping-bag toting Poles standing in line outside food stores creates an erroneous impression. A far more orderly people than Israelis, the Poles stand patiently in line for everything.

It is an efficient and effective means of crowd control. In many stores, shoppers are given a basket to carry with them as they browse among the shelves. The number of people who enter the shopping area is equivalent to the number of available baskets. What it means in practice is that everyone has elbow room and that store staff can more easily spot a potential pilferer.

Poland's covered and open markets contain a vast range of imported and locally grown and processed edibles. Luxury consumer goods are on sale in the Pewex shops, an ingenious Polish invention which enables the state to get hold of privately stashed foreign currency without having to prosecute offenders.

Purchases in the state-run Pewex shops can be made only with foreign currency—preferably dollars. While the value of the dollar is dipping all over Europe, in Poland it is going in the other direction. A dollar fetches around 1,400–1,500 zlotys on the black market. The official

rate of exchange is around 320 zlotys to the dollar.

To Poles, whose average monthly earnings are in the range of 27,000 zlotys, the Pewex prices are prohibitive—but the goods are tempting, and the lines outside the Pewex shops are just as long as those anywhere else. The only people who don't have to stand in line are old-age pensioners. They supplement the few thousand zlotys they get from the state by jumping the Pewex lines and then selling their purchases at a profit to people who have neither the time nor the inclination to join a queue.

Pewex is not the only play used by the authorities to get the public to part with its foreign currency. High interest rates for long-term no questions asked bank deposits have also unearthed a goodly bundle of dollars.

The next thing on the bill is a casino. Taking a cue from Hungary, with whom she has very good relations, Poland is about to open a chain of casinos, the first of which will probably be launched in Warsaw. House rules recognize foreign currency only.

The same applies in Egypt, with the essential difference that whereas Egyptian nationals are not allowed into Egyptian casinos, Polish nationals will be allowed into Polish casinos, providing the colour of their money is right.

READERS' LETTERS

WANTED: MORE AND BETTER INFORMATION

To the Post's Economic Editor Sir.—Tourism, we read constantly, is very important to Israel's economy, and more facilities are being provided all the time.

But, what about information? For example, a list of inter-urban taxi fares appears in some hotels, such as the King David in Jerusalem, the Accadia in Herzliya and the Dan in Tel Aviv—but in few others. Why is such a list not published in the various 'give-away' brochures distributed to tourists?

These publications provide lots of useful information, but they do not tell you how to reach various spots by bus, or the price of admission to these special places.

It is almost as if Israeli tourism authorities expect overseas visitors always to take taxis. But Israel is now trying to attract a wider range of tourists—the type that prefer to travel by public transport and would like to have maps of bus routes in their hands.

Vital information should be made intelligible to a visitor from abroad—and that is the next problem. Although there are many public notices with translations, there are others in tourist areas that appear only in Hebrew. For example, there are

very large signs on the Tel Aviv beaches warning bathers about the limits of the bathing areas. These signs are not translated into any other language.

Furthermore, the life guards frequently make important announcements over the loudspeakers—but again only in Hebrew.

Near the Western Wall there is a bus stop for bus number one. However, the sign does not indicate the route this bus takes. We were stopped by a first-time visitor from abroad at Jaffa Gate and asked if we knew which bus to take to reach the Intercontinental Hotel. We didn't know, nor were there any signs available anywhere in the bus stop area.

It seems to us that it would be very much in Israel's interests to promote wider use of Israeli railways. Yet, train service is hardly publicized or developed—and train schedules are hard to come by in any publication.

Providing adequate information does not cost much, but does require thought and foresight. If information is not available, the tourist facilities may just as well not exist.

ELAINE and MYER GOLDMAN
Liverpool.

Israeli mission to visit Holland

A delegation of industrialists and business executives will be going to the Netherlands at the beginning of next year to discuss increased industrial cooperation between the two countries.

Last summer, a Dutch delegation came to Israel.

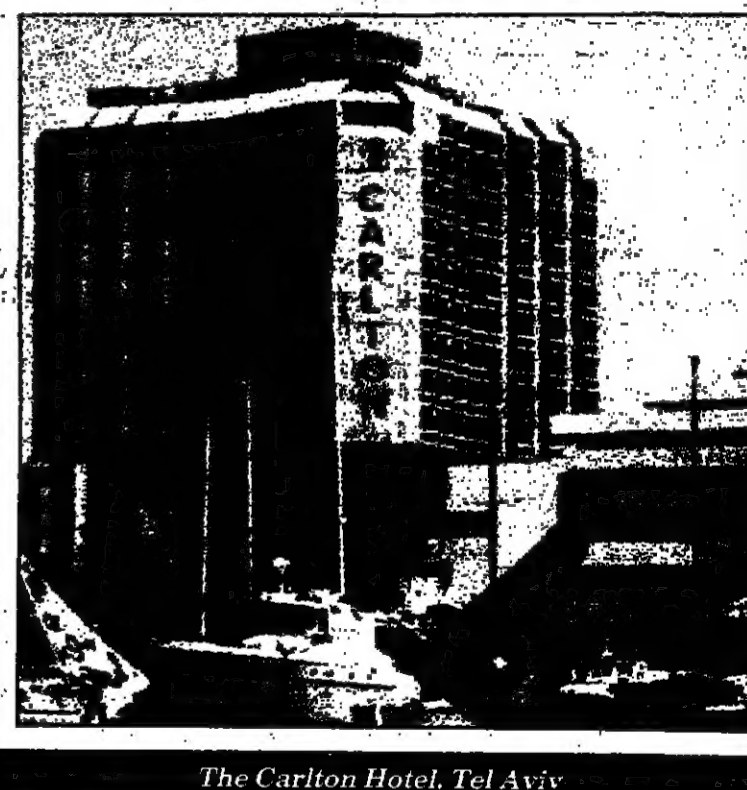
The Israeli industrialists are being organized by the Industry and Trade Ministry's foreign trade department. The main topics will concern increased cooperation in such areas as electronics, biotechnology, industrial control, and the medical industries.

THEY TAKE PLEASURE IN PLEASING

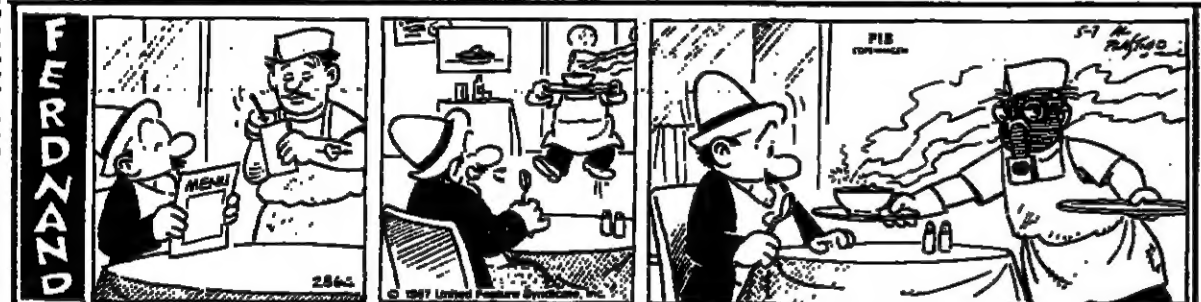
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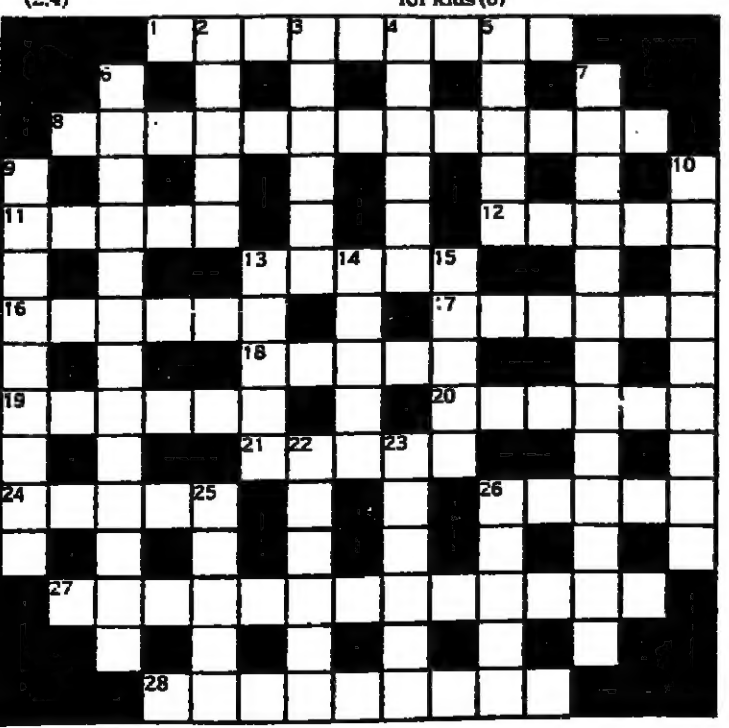
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 The Knave of Spades could be a Club! (9)
- 8 One all at sea at the hustings? (8,5)
- 11 University team taking villa (5)
- 12 Conquering attitude taken by Miss Hardcastle (5)
- 13 Make slow progress with this swimming-stroke? (5)
- 16 Provide space for volumes put aside (6)
- 17 At university, learn about the intangible (6)
- 18 Left port with cargo aboard (5)
- 19 Superior sort everybody follows? It is disallowed at Lord's (2,4)

DOWN

- 2 Relating to the Great Bear can be very cold... (6)
- 21 ...but this creature is feeling the heat more (5)
- 24 Got us in a pickle (or relish) (5)
- 26 Hoax, say, for Don (3,2)
- 27 Mr A. Jones, a great sort of disciplinarian... (8,5)
- 28 ...mean six-footer and manager (9)
- 2 Renal disorder to get off Pat, say (5)
- 3 Grotesque beast loses tail in bishop's robe (6)
- 4 Lively dance regarded as puzzle for kids (6)



5 Land birds which nest at sea? (5)

- 6 Garments are hampered by it (7,6)
- 7 Making clearings of rotten ideas for dispersal (13)
- 9 Young servant conceals crime at the manse (9)
- 10 One putting himself up, going for the post (9)
- 13 Instrument held by Joyce Lloyd... (5)
- 14 ...in this examination to find fiddlers (5)
- 15 Sort of eclipse of our satellite (5)
- 22 String of invective from one in traffic (6)
- 23 Opening of Ems delta can be very high (6)
- 25 Stopped part of the body? (5)
- 26 Open grassland (5)

Yesterday's Solutions



ACROSS: 7 Dublin, 9 Tumbler, 10 Leisure, 11 Sword, 12 Toga, 13 Pasta, 17 Cache, 18 Ha-ha, 22 Lurid, 23 Rustler, 24 Pantry, 25 Salute. DOWN: 1 Adulate, 2 Abridge, 3 Titus, 4 Pulente, 5 Ad Hoc, 6 Paddy, 9 Semaphore, 14 Pandora, 15 Callous, 16 Farrier, 19 Slope, 20 Brunt, 21 Essey.

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 County of N. Ireland (5)
- 4 Flogged (6)
- 9 Retaliation (7)
- 10 Entice (5)
- 11 Location (5)
- 12 Inquisitive (7)
- 13 Garden implement (3)
- 14 List of options (4)
- 16 Jason's ship (4)
- 18 Lubricate (3)
- 20 Recipe (7)
- 21 Corrosive solution (4)
- 24 London district (5)
- 25 Quarantine (7)
- 26 Read aloud (5)
- 27 Fragrant herb (5)

DOWN

- 1 Coercion (5)
- 2 Metal pin (5)
- 3 Sharp tug (4)
- 5 Pause (3)
- 6 Malaysian village (7)
- 7 Leathe (6)
- 8 Tied score (5)
- 13 French Calvinist (8)
- 15 Unpredictable (7)
- 17 Happening (6)
- 18 Watering-hole (5)
- 19 Cling (6)
- 22 Ridiculous (6)
- 23 Young horse (4)

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No Delta issue

Textile maker Delta Galil Industries Ltd. said last week that it was abandoning plans to make an offering on the London financial markets, but it said it may turn to the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange instead for new funds if conditions permit.

LAYOFFS.—Seventy Elbit employees have been dismissed as a result of the scrapping of the Lavi project, which had employed 170 for the company in Haifa working on avionics systems. The 70, ranging from clerks to engineers, were dismissed and paid severance according to their individual contracts. Elbit Computers Ltd., part of the Elron group, is not unionized and has no works committees.

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MARKET PLACE

PINHAS LANDAU

The Mood (2)

Black October gave rise to a rash of black jokes, some of which are not amusing for those unaffected (what do you call a yuppie? Waiter!). Older black humour has been taken out and dusted off for re-use. One golden oldie is particularly pertinent:

What is the difference between a recession and a depression? A recession is when your neighbour loses his job. A depression is when you lose your job.

Hah, hah - until it happens. In a conversation with someone in the publishing industry in New York, the subject got round - inevitably - to the crash, and its effect.

"Well, the estimates are for 80,000 to 90,000 people to lose their jobs around here," he said, airily waving his hand to encompass the financial district, and perhaps Greater New York.

"So books on anything to do with investments are bad news," he continued. "Many projects in the pipeline have been killed because, after the crash, the theories they were based on have gone straight out of the window."

Indeed, fortunately, however, not many brokers and investors followed them to a premature end. Nevertheless, while suicide remained mainly in the realm of gallows humour, unemployment in the financial services sector is already a reality.

And not just in New York. The London Evening Standard blamed the headline last Monday that 10,000 jobs in the City were facing the axe "imminently." In other words, the globalization of the securities markets encompasses not just the ups and downs in prices, but also "real" economic variables, such as employment.

In the case of New York, where the financial sector has been the dominant source of extra employment in the last couple of years, the effect of the crash will unquestionably extend to the entire regional economy. In fact, one ripple has already reached as far as Kansas City.

The Israeli diamond industry had planned to build a giant office block next to the diamond bourse, but that plan has now been officially shelved. After the early pretence that the crash had passed them by, the diamond dealers have now realized that the reduced wealth, disappearing bonuses and possible loss of jobs of Mr. and Mrs. Yuppie, living in a heavily mortgaged condo or house in Get-Rich-Quick Country in Westchester County or across in New Jersey, must feed through into smaller sales of diamonds and the like.

The shakeout in the brokerage industry has already begun. Shearson Lehman, for a mere billion dollars last week, after being rebuffed in 1986 when it offered \$1.6b. What Shearson wants is Hutton's strength in retailing (about 6,400 brokers), but its own back-office operations will be able to absorb Hutton's activity.

That means several thousand people hitting the street as the two entities "streamline" or, to use the correct jargon, "exploit their synergies." Only the lucky or very talented ones will be quickly re-employed. As a senior executive at Merrill Lynch put it, "Why should we bid for Hutton? We'll just sit back and buy the guys we need when they become unhappy or unemployed."

Mizrahi staff joins dispute

Jerusalem Post Reporter
United Mizrahi Bank workers have formally announced a work dispute against their management, joining the staffs of Bank Leumi and Israel Discount Bank, who have already begun sanctions against their respective managements.

Mizrahi's works committee chairman, Shmuel Yabaloni, warned that if there was no progress in the wage talks in the two-week cooling-off period mandated by the announcement of a dispute, then the measures that his members would take would make those of their colleagues in Leumi and Discount look pale by comparison.

Mizrahi staffers are demanding a 20 per cent wage hike for 1987, while management has offered only 3.5 per cent.

In a separate development, Discount managers and authorized signatories signed a wage pact giving them a 9.5 per cent rise for this year. The senior echelon Discount staffers, however, left their lower-grade colleagues locked in a dispute with management.

Colombian coal

Israel has signed a purchasing agreement for coal with Colombia, the director-general of the National Coal Supply Corp., Ram Ron, announced yesterday.

The agreement calls for the Israeli company to purchase between 480,000-600,000 tons of coal annually from Colombia.

Israel should look to Colombia for coal, Ron added, to help the balance of trade between the two countries.

Shearson executive Krueger

Economy deters investment

By PINHAS LANDAU

Post Finance Reporter

Stinging criticism of the government, Histadrut and major banks was voiced yesterday by Harvey Krueger, a managing director of Shearson Lehman Brothers and the chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University.

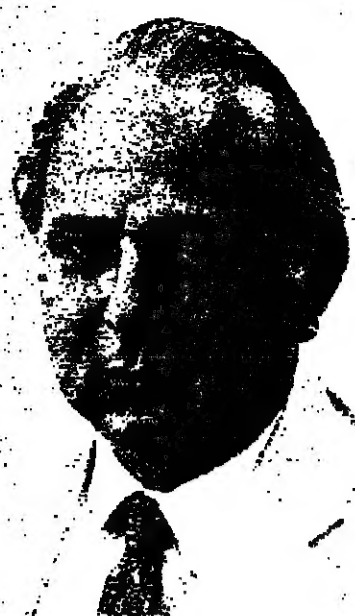
Krueger, a U.S. investment banker who has had dealings with Israel for more than 25 years, urged the government to press ahead strongly with its plans to restructure the country's economy.

"For the next stage of Israel's economic development there must be a new business environment," he said. This should provide incentives to foreign investors and reward management for success rather than paying them low salaries irrespective of their results.

Without these and other changes, warned Krueger, the long-term pattern of little foreign investment in Israeli industry and a general lack of equity capital will continue.

Krueger's remarks came at the end of a prepared speech delivered at a seminar on the subject of the recent world stock market crash. The Shearson executive was scheduled to assess the impact of the crash on Israel, especially as regards investment and privatization.

However, after reviewing the Oc-



Harvey Krueger

tober 19 share market collapse and its results - particularly the notion that American markets now had to get used to being part of a global market system - Krueger departed from his planned topic.

He noted that direct investment and joint ventures by foreign investors in Israel would not be badly affected, because they were not very large any-

way, particularly those through private placements.

The real impact would be on public offerings by Israeli firms in the U.S. In the current environment no new offerings were possible, even of American firms, let alone foreign ones. But these problems were temporary, in Krueger's view, and when the market improved, capital-raising opportunities would be available again.

"But if the general environment here in Israel doesn't change, these opportunities will not be utilized. Israel stands out as having less equity and especially foreign equity compared to other countries at a similar level of development."

"The government and Histadrut together own almost half of the total industrial base. Israeli government companies are distorted even more than most state-owned firms by non-economic considerations. Without aggressive, risk-taking management there can be no growth," Krueger said, adding that a policy commitment to privatization was not sufficient without accompanying changes in management pay and operating criteria.

The Histadrut, as both trade union organization and owner of firms, suffered from a built-in contradiction, while it seemed to have an ideological commitment to keeping managers' pay low, and hence ensured that incentives were absent.

Trade gap rises sharply in 11 months

By AVI TEMKIN

Post Economic Reporter

Israel's trade deficit widened by \$4.4 per cent to \$3 billion in the first 11 months of the year, the Central Bureau of Statistics said yesterday. It reported that merchandise exports rose 18 per cent, to \$7.3b., during January-November, but were outpaced by the rise in imports, up 22.4 per cent to \$10.3b.

The bureau indicated that the monthly average deficit for the last two months was \$275 million, some 18 per cent above the average for the third quarter of the year. But, it noted, the monthly average level of exports was down 5 per cent compared with the July-September period, while exports were 2 per cent higher.

Exports in November came to \$804m., compared with \$386m. in November 1986. The average monthly level of exports for the last two months was \$522m. Industrial exports, excluding diamonds, totalled \$4.8b. in January-November, compared to \$4.1b. for the same period last year, a 16 per cent increase. But the bureau added that in the last two months industrial exports were down 6 per cent from their level in the third quarter of the year.

The fall during the last two months was especially marked in optical and precision goods, amounting to some 15 per cent. Exports of rubber and plastic goods fell 9.5 per cent. Exports of diamonds were off about 11 per cent in the last two months, compared with the previous quarter, the bureau said. These amounted to \$1.9b. since the beginning of the year, a rise of 23 per cent over the same period last year.

INTEREST RATE

(Continued from Page One)

new regulations, but they did not believe it.

The central bank's announcement had an immediate effect on the banking system. United Mizrahi Bank announced in the afternoon it was calling off the rise in borrowing rates due to come into effect yesterday. All the other commercial banks are expected to follow suit very soon.

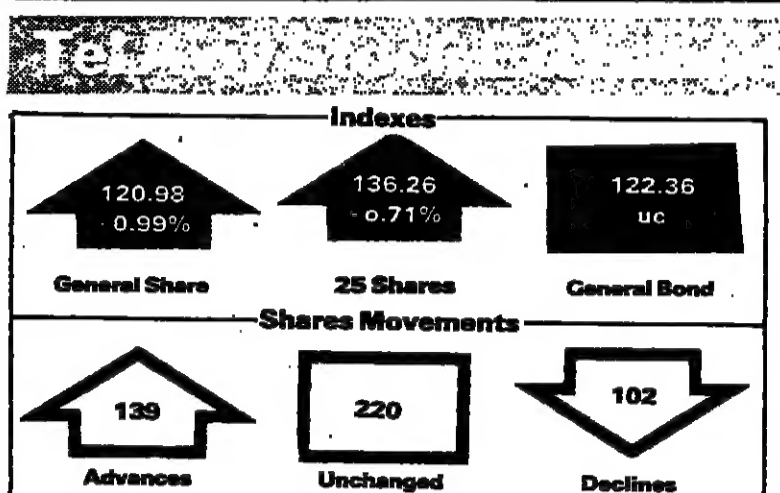
Interest on shekel deposits fell sharply on the news, with Monday's rate of 27 to 28 per cent giving way to a range of 20 to 24 per cent in different banks yesterday. The fall is expected to continue in the coming days.

The commercial banks preferred to keep a low profile yesterday after their victory became clear. Privately, however, bank officials expressed great satisfaction with the outcome.

One executive who had foreseen the problems as soon as the draft version of the new policy was circulated, told *The Jerusalem Post* that he hoped the decision-making level would not "be greedy" and would quickly reverse the rise in borrowing rates that went into effect yesterday.

But the threat of a renewed clash remained. The Bank of Israel said the changes introduced yesterday would be in effect for only three weeks starting Wednesday. The commercial banks insisted that in their opinion the new arrangements applied retroactively from November 26, the date when the new regulations were introduced.

Moreover, Bruno said yesterday that the Bank of Israel would not move in the future to cover all shekel shortages of the commercial banks. There would be no full accommodation, he insisted. This also contradicted the commercial banks' reading of the Bank of Israel's move. Officials at the commercial banks said that after yesterday's announcement it was clear the Bank of Israel would adopt an accommodative policy.



Selected Prices

Name	Price	Volume	% change
Commercial Banks			
Leumi	17500	537	-
General non-arr.	15020	47	+0.8
IBI	8045	1184	-
Commercial Banks (part of arrangement)			
Leumi	101450	131	+1.0
General	75400	29	+0.2
Discount	128050	58	+0.6
Mizrahi	41750	336	+1.1
Mizrahi r	88400	227	+1.7
General A	170000	29	+1.4
Leumi 1000	44080	4151	+1.7
IBI Trade	89500	1	+1.0
Mortgage Banks & Finance			
Leumi Mort.	3500	528	+0.4
Dev. Mort.	3000	627	-
Yotvata	22500	13	+1.3
Merrill	8217	3	-
Leumi Ind.	11950	58	-
Leumi Leasing 0.1	24500	33	-
Insurance			
Ararat 0.5	1524	984	+10.0
Phoenix	780	25	-2.5
Hamlet 1.0	5500	-	-
Mekorot 1	2161	188	-
Sahar	1273	192	+1.4
Shikma	1000	700	+2.5
Zion Hold. 1	4740	-	-2.1
Trade & Services			
Integrations 1.0	745	350	-0.7
Meir Ezer	750	1678	+4.0
Crystal	750	308	-
Superior A	11100	308	-
Lighting 0.1	785	182	+0.8
Gold Storage 1.0	8217	3	-2.3
Dani Hotels 1.0	1600	395	-7.8
Coron Beach	8200	-	-
Jordan Hotel	2576	-	-
Hilton 1.0	13000	-	-5.1
Teel 1.0	748	2441	-0.9
Real Estate, Building and Agriculture			
Al-Hor	315	2928	-
Africa Int. 0.1	42000	44	-3.2
African	2500	254	-
Dankner	6380	80	-
J.E.C.	315	7125	-
Bayfield 0.1	4200	295	-
Leumi	18980	40	-
Azoria Prop.	315	2300	-
Meluhim Prop.	6201	551	-
Hadwin Prop.	1690	521	-
Industrials			
Qubek	3620	358	+4.8
Therco 1.0	33650	80	+10.0

Name	Price	Volume	% change
Investment Companies			
Wolfson 1	115000	-	-
Hapoel Inv.	805	2278	-
Mizrahi Invest.	30250	444	-
Paz Invest.	2570	801	+2.4
Pazma 0.1	7830	220	+7.0
Privat	12701	238	-
Vision	144	4050	-
Oil Exploration			
Paz Oil Expl.	18800	43	-
J.O.E.L.	405	12089	+4.4

Name	Price	Volume	% change
25 Shares			
First Intermat	7471	1440	-0.25
Leumi	253	260	-
Clal Trading	2530	444	-1.50
Supersol B	5742	580	-0.50
Delek	2344	1050	-0.25
African 1.0	3690	240	+1.25
Acorn	1054	2160	-
Prop. & Building	2879	400	+1.00
IBI r	88584	100	-1.50
Clal R Estate	787	2200	-0.75
Elia	14168	585	-
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Israel Corp.	3890	2720	+1.50
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Clal Trading	2530	444	-1.50
Supersol B	5742	580	-0.50
Delek	2344	1050	-0.25
African 1.0	3690	240	+1.25
Acorn	1054	2160	-
Prop. & Building	2879	400	+1.00
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Netivei Ayalon gets fresh funds

By JONATHAN KARP

TEL AVIV - Nitivei Ayalon Ltd. is to resume full operations this morning, following the government's approval of an extra NIS 3 million in funds, the company's managing director said yesterday.

Dan Holtzman said the additional money, along with NIS 3m. previously promised by the Tel Aviv municipality, should carry the road-building company through March, the end of the fiscal year.

"This money raises our budget to NIS 24m., giving us the funds we hoped to have for this year and the opportunity to go ahead with a full workload," Holtzman said after meeting with Finance and Transport Ministry officials.

According to Holtzman, Nitivei Ayalon had expected an additional NIS 6m. during the year and had accelerated its work schedule, using up almost all of its NIS 18m. budget by December 1. When the money did not arrive, the company stopped all of its projects except for work on the Halaqa Bridge and new train station.

Work is to resume today on extending to the Ayalon highway to Sderot Rokah, including the construction of two large bridges over the Yarkon River, and three other bridges on the northern end of the planned highway.

Shekel Deposits (annual rates)

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	100,000-500,000	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
	500,000-1,000,000	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50
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Eyeless in Gaza

ONLY THE BLIND, it seems, could see in the Gaza Strip anything but a hell-hole made to order for terrorism. Yet much of received opinion holds the permanent retention of the Strip to be an essential condition of Israel's security. Any suggestion to the contrary is promptly met with a torrent of abuse from the country's "patriotic" Rightist corner.

A hopeless mass of nearly 600,000 Palestinians, most of them refugees and their descendants, cooped up in a tiny south-western corner of the Land and cut off from the main body of their compatriots: that is the Gaza Strip. The population density of the area equals Hongkong's, but its economy is a model of backwardness. Half its breadwinners eke out a living of sorts inside Israel, doing the kinds of menial jobs that Jews have come to spurn. Some seven years ago Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat agreed to try "full autonomy" for the Palestinians in Gaza first. Nothing came of the agreement, and the Strip is to this day forcefully ruled by the security forces.

The marvel, perhaps, is that the Palestinian terrorist organizations, whether nationalist or religious in their motivations, have not found the Strip a more congenial ground for their murderous activities.

After the Likud's electoral victory in 1977, and particularly after the signing of the peace with Egypt, it was decided that the defence of the Gaza Strip itself against the terrorists would be shared by Jewish settlers. These came to include some of the settler evacuees from northern Sinai.

The establishment of 13 Jewish settlements with a total population of 3,000 in Gush Katif did not, however, suffice to stamp out terrorism in the Strip, not any more than the similar but far vaster settlement activity in Judea and Samaria put a halt to West Bank violence. Only last Sunday a Jewish salesman from Bat Yam was knifed to death by an unknown assailant in Gaza's Palestine Square. That terrorist act need not have been directly related to the fatal shooting late last month of a Gaza high-school girl in the courtyard of her school by a Gush Katif settler enraged by the stoning of his car. But a vicious circle of deadly violence is there in evidence.

Rather than help the army reduce the terrorist danger, the settlers, symbols of Israeli claims to unshared rule over the entire Land, help solidify the bond between the terrorists and Gazans in general — and compel the army to divert scarce resources to their protection. And all this to ensure that the fast-growing demographic monster represented by the Gaza Strip is not lifted from Israel's shoulders.

What sense does all this make? None, said Foreign Minister Shimon Peres at a meeting with the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee this week. Repeating sentiments he had aired privately before, Mr. Peres suggested that in a negotiated peace settlement the Strip be demilitarized — thus, presumably, posing no security problem to Israel — and that the Jewish settlements planted in it be dismantled.

The proposal could easily be faulted for vagueness and incompleteness. It certainly offered no comfort to those who would tolerate nothing less than an immediate effort for "peace now."

But Greater Eretz Yisrael devotees were immediately scandalized. Premier Yitzhak Shamir thought it incredible that Mr. Peres should come up with it right after the murder of an Israeli citizen in Gaza, and accused the foreign minister of, in effect, aiding and abetting the terrorists. Tehiya's Yuval Ne'eman fittingly endorsed the charges, only more obscenely, and called for a "fitting Zionist response" to the terrorists, by way of expanded settlement in the Strip.

Can it be that Israel's Right-wing has really lost its senses? Not quite. Within Herut itself there are men of practical sense who realize that the Gaza Strip is an awesome burden rather than an asset for Israel, and that the area can never be brought to heel except by the most brutal and un-Israeli methods, possibly by mass expulsion. They would "dump" the Strip if they could, in order to dilute the overall demographic threat and thus "save" the part of the national patrimony that is Judea and Samaria.

But they dare not speak their minds in public, for fear of being disowned by their party. They probably welcome Mr. Peres's speaking out on the subject as he did, but must pretend that they do not. Moderately clear-eyed though they are, they allow their blindfolded colleagues to blindly lead the country to a point of no return.

Light from Jerusalem

THE TERMS laid down by Energy Minister Moshe Shahal to the Jerusalem District Electricity Company for a partial renewal of its 60-year concession when it expires on December 31, are not immune to criticism. But on the whole the decision to confine the JDEC's power supply primarily to Jerusalem's Arab neighbourhoods must be judged fair and reasonable.

Drawing as it does on the Israel Electricity Company, to which it still owes the hefty sum of NIS40 million, for 95 per cent of its electrical power supply, the JDEC has proved itself less than fully able to cope with the needs and demands of the many new Jewish customers recently added to its rolls in Jerusalem and beyond. So unequal had the Arab-owned company become to its obligations that the Likud-ruled governments, motivated though they were by hopes of annexation, considered themselves fully justified in seeking to end the JDEC's career altogether at the earliest opportunity.

Mr. Shahal is no annexationist, but he cannot ignore realities. He is fully aware that the JDEC is the economic pride and glory of Palestinian nationalism, and is for that reason not overly keen on a wholesale takeover of the company. But he has not been helped by the obstreperous rank-and-file leftists who have long held sway over the company, nor by the tight-fisted Jordanian government whose main interest has been in blaming Israel for the JDEC's woes, although Amman is understood to have given its tacit consent to this week's power switch.

The energy minister has made it clear to the company's board of directors that, if they duly cooperate in carrying out the new division of power supply, they will be allowed to retain their concession for its Arab-populated areas. They'd better do so, if they do not wish the JDEC to go out of existence.

Safe Drivers
SAVE SCHOOL CHILDREN'S LIVES

ISRAEL-DIASPORA relations have reached a dead end. The crisis over the chairmanship of the Jewish Agency was only a symptom of a deeper problem. The fact is that the Jewish Agency/United Jewish Appeal connection has become a barrier to, rather than a bridge for, Israel-Diaspora relations. Furthermore, the World Zionist Organization has completely failed to re-identify its aims and restructure its methods since the creation of the state.

In America, the ideological and organizational bankruptcy of the WZO is painfully apparent. It has little if any meaning in the communities. The vast majority of organizations that compose it are dying or dead. Only the women's service organizations — Hadassah, Pioneer Women/Na'amat, and Mizrahi Women — display any vigour, and this for reasons having nothing to do with their Zionism. I have reason to assume that the situation is not much better outside of the U.S.

Israel, even with mass emigration, is the only growing Jewish community in the world. American Jewry is shrinking, even with Russian Jewish and Israeli immigration. Half of the Jewish children born in the world are born in Israel. The average age of the American Jewish community is well over 40. Within the next 20 years, Israel may become the biggest Jewish community

in the world: not as a consequence of its growing into a viable entity able to stand alone but because the Diaspora will have shrunk.

RELATIONS BETWEEN Israel and the Diaspora have been based on money for decades. The Diaspora gives it; Israel takes it. This is at the very foundation of the Jewish Agency/United Jewish Appeal marriage. It is this reality which has filled the void left by the organizational and ideological bankruptcy of the WZO and which has made the fund-raising the dominant force in the melodrama being played out before us. How could one expect otherwise, when the definition of a Zionist organization is one which sends 100 per cent of the moneys it raises to Israel, while the "non-Zionists" don't.

But even the money basis of Israel-Diaspora relations is wobbling. The equivalent of less than 2 per cent of Israel's GNP comes from all Diaspora contributions. And taking inflation into account, the real value of the moneys coming from the Diaspora has declined 50 per cent since the Yom Kippur War. There may have been some justification for bas-

Bridge or barrier

Tsvi Bisk

ing Israel-Diaspora relations on money after the establishment of the state when over 25 per cent of Israel's budgetary needs were supplied by Diaspora Jewry. But now?

ADDED TO ALL this are two other developments: Federation frustration and growing Israeli opposition.

Project Renewal has opened a Pandora's box with regard to the status quo. For the first time, communities and individuals in the Diaspora have had direct contact with communities and individuals in Israel. An entirely new inertia has been created. No longer trusting the intercession of the Jewish Agency/United Jewish Appeal connection, a number of Federations (including the CJF itself) have opened their own offices in Israel. There is a serious danger that unless this is conceptualized and institutionalized it will degenerate into the halukka system which prevailed in the old Yishuv.

Distributing money to institutions

and individuals on the basis of personal preference had a corrupting effect. It was in revolt against this that the centralized national institutions which have evolved into the Jewish Agency/WZO were formed. Diaspora communities know instinctively that their own well-being depends on the health of their relationship with Israel. They are no longer willing to walk the Via Dolorosa of organizational morbidity in order to interface with Israel.

On the other side, more and more Israelis are coming to the conclusion that the entire relationship is dysfunctional: that the funds are not used in a dynamic way and thus reinforces negative characteristics of the economy; that the true purposes of Zionism are corrupted; that the availability of huge amounts of money interacting with Israeli politics reinforces the negative characteristics of the Israeli political system; that \$400 million being spent in and influencing Israeli society by people neither elected nor controlled by Israel's citizens is basically undemocratic.

WHAT OUGHT TO be done? The Jewish Agency/WZO should not ad-

minister budgets or programmes. They do not do it well. They should become a representative body of the Jewish People, whose mandate it would be to discern, discuss, and offer solutions to — pan-Jewish problems.

The moneys of the United Jewish Appeal should be given directly to endowment funds set up by Israeli institutions. The lists of qualified institutions would be compiled on the basis of negotiation between the representatives of the UJA and Israel's various representative bodies and civic groups.

Endowment funds are preferable because they do several things: once sustain institutions and programmes; serve as a major source of investment capital; absorb highly skilled people to manage them; contribute to the much-needed decentralization of Israel's society.

In addition, we should strive to establish a UJA of brainpower which would enable Jewish managers, scientists, engineers, teachers and academics to contribute their skills to the growth and development of Israel. This is the kind of thing the WZO should be considering. If not, it is the kind of thing that should be initiated by the government of Israel.

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Israel's most pressing future problem is the demographic one

Populating is the key

Michael Kleiner

territories by means of transfer and payments are merely perpetuating the armed conflict in the Middle East and no one can estimate the results of such actions.

ONLY PRODUCING more children will help us preserve a Jewish state in its territorial borders. This is not an Israeli mission, but a Jewish one.

We must do everything possible to promote aliyah but for our own sake and that of world Jewry, we cannot content ourselves with such effort alone, if we recall our repeated let-downs by Western and Soviet Jewry and the emptying of the reservoirs of Jewry in Eastern Europe and the Arab countries.

It is difficult to comprehend the almost criminal neglect of the need to change the demographic situation in Israel. It is not enough, nor is it practical, to ask Israelis to produce more children. We must encourage larger families by other than monetary means.

When a society feels secure, capa-

ble of personal development and has the ability to give its children the best possible education without unacceptable economic burdens, it will naturally produce more children. This is the case with the kibbutzim. The conditions they enjoy should be available to all Israeli citizens.

While Israel's security needs affect the resources available for such a goal, the facts dictate a need to act. There is no reason why we cannot deal with problem A because problem B has not been solved.

The Jewish Agency, made up of what appears to be community politicians, is nevertheless the only body that can tackle this problem. Any attack on the Agency, its constitution, its business, is at best childish. This is the people, this is its problem, and these are the tools at our disposal.

It is incumbent upon us to spell out these goals to the Jewish Agency and to press them to engage in this great task.

We need to concentrate on everyday issues on the economic and social levels, with special emphasis on the quality of housing. We need more attention for young couples.

MISSILE PACT

(Continued from Page One)

During a photo opportunity before the start of the talks, Reagan and Gorbachev briefly answered reporters' questions. Both men expressed optimism that progress in arms control could be achieved. "Well," Reagan said, "obviously we want to make progress. I think both of us made that clear out there in our remarks."

Gorbachev, asked whether he had any surprises in store for Reagan, replied: "Well, I don't think that policies are made with surprises." Policies, he added, have to be "well thought over, and on the basis of that, responsible decisions have to be taken."

He said he had heard "some new words" in Reagan's welcoming remarks, "and I welcome this." The Soviet leader said there was "a great similarity in the outlook" of the two men.

"Of course, there are political declarations, political statements, and then there is reality, real policies," said Gorbachev.

Afterwards, White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater described that first meeting as "very good" and "productive." The two leaders find it "easy to talk to each other," he said.

With a slightly different stress, Soviet spokesman Gennadi Gerasimov described the meeting as "businesslike" and cautioned: "It may be too early for chemical analysis."

Fitzwater said that the two leaders had agreed to the establishment of two separate working groups to discuss arms control issues, human rights and regional problems.

Reagan presented Gorbachev with a pair of gold cufflinks and picture of the Prophet Isaiah breaking swords into ploughshares.

For the morning ceremony, Gorbachev had arrived in his black Soviet-made Zil limousine from the Soviet Embassy, only four blocks away, at exactly 10:00 a.m. (Washington time).

The two leaders stood at attention while a U.S. military band played the Soviet and American national anthems. Nancy Reagan and Raisa Gorbachev, both wearing heavy fur coats, stood next to each other as their husbands read their carefully prepared welcoming statements.

The men repeatedly paused for simultaneous English-Russian translation. The ceremony was televised live in both the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

"I have often felt that our people should have been better friends long ago," Reagan said. "But let us have the courage to recognize that there are weighty differences between our governments and systems — differences that will not go away by wishful thinking or expressions of goodwill, no matter how sincerely delivered."

"The uncomfortable reality need not be reason for pessimism, however, it should provide us with a chal-

lange — an opportunity to move from confrontation toward cooperation."

Reagan said that history can change only when "leaders of both sides have no illusions, talk with candour, and meet differences head on. Such, I hope, will be the spirit of our upcoming meeting."

While the president did not directly cite the plight of Soviet Jewry in his welcoming remarks, he did note that "human rights issues about which the American people and their government are deeply committed" will be on the table during the summit. "These are fundamental issues of political morality that touch on the most basic of human concerns," Reagan said.

The Soviet leader did not specifically address the other items on the agenda.

He recalled that the U.S. and the Soviet Union were allies during World War II. "We are beginning our visit 46 years after the days when the U.S. entered the Second World War," he said. "And it was in those same days — in 1941 — that the route of Nazi forces began near Moscow. That is symbolic."

Gorbachev said Soviet foreign policy was today "most intimately linked with perestroika, the domestic restructuring of Soviet society." He said that "democratization and glasnost are the decisive prerequisites for the success of these reforms. They also provide the guarantee that we shall go a long way and that the course we are pursuing is irreversible. Such is the will of our people."

The Soviet leader added: "In charting these ambitious plans, the Soviet people have a vital stake in preserving and strengthening peace everywhere on earth. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen, may I express the hope that the Soviet Union and the U.S., working together with all nations, will take their place in the history of the outgoing 20th century not only as allies in the battle against Nazism but also as nations that have paved mankind's way to a safe world, free from the threat of nuclear annihilation."

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READERS' LETTERS

WZO FUNDS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Surely Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg cannot be serious when he writes (December 3) "... it is the Knesset and the democratically elected Zionist Congress that best express that tradition [of equal partnership between Israel and the Diaspora] precisely because they most accurately reflect the political nature of Israeli society."

The so-called "democratically elected Zionist Congress" is a sham. No one elected the 190 Israeli delegates who control the Congress. They were appointed by political parties here eager to share in the spoils. What is wrong with the principle that he who provides the funds

should determine where they go? If the Zionist [sic] parties don't like it, they shouldn't solicit funds from so-called "non-Zionists." If the political parties here and abroad want to finance the WZO, that is their privilege. But let them not come hat in hand to others and then try to play the part of the porters.

The American donors would be better advised to keep their money in the U.S. and use it to provide free universal Jewish education and support their welfare institutions. If they send money here, they should ensure that their designated representatives disburse it wisely.

ELIEZER WHARTMAN
Jerusalem.

"FOR A HANDFUL OF SILVER"

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Eliezer Whartman in his perceptive article "Zionist Congress — fatally flawed" (November 24) rightfully criticizes the Conservative and Reform movements for seeking, like jackals, to pry more and more sums from the moribund WZO.

Jewish Agency when they should be concentrating their energies on dissolving that Jewish Ottoman empire and replacing it with an organization run by professionals rather than politicians.

I realize that rabbis (non-Orthodox, of course) are usually the last to man the barricades, but surely

they must have something to say on this matter, particularly considering the fact that it is their laymen who continue to fund the WZO-JA.

Their actions remind me of the poem written by Wordsworth after the defection of a colleague who had been a bitter critic of the government — until the government awarded him a fat monetary grant. Wordsworth wrote: "Just for a handful of silver he left us..."

The trouble with the Conservative and Reform movements is that they are far too conservative and offer no chance for reform.

LEONARD GOODMAN
Jerusalem.

THE IPO IN WARSAW

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Your account of the performance of the IPO in the Femina Hall in the former Warsaw Ghetto moved me very much. It was there, in the early Forties, that, as a teenage girl, I was initiated into the world of music while the world outside was so grim and desperate. This orchestra made up of hungry and impoverished Jewish musicians, who played among others Mendelssohn, Mahler and Bloch, composers whose works were forbidden by the Germans, was a beacon of light in the darkness.

As a long-standing subscriber to the IPO, I hope that our national orchestra will carry with them this remembrance for many years to come, and that it will always guide them in future.

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